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TREAD SOFTLY SCHEINFLUG

By David Jack

Don't downgrade international honours. That's my friendly tip to Australia's caretaker-coach Les Scheinflug as he sorts out his World Cup squad for the final four matches in the Oceania Group.

Scheinflug, no doubt with the best of intentions, intends promoting several Youth team players for World Cup qualifying matches in Taiwan, Fiji and Indonesia.

His present plan is to play about seven or eight of the youngsters augmented by, possibly, no more than three recognised first-choice international stars.

While this would certainly give the boys valuable experience for the forthcoming Coca-Cola Cup World Youth Championships, it could have damaging side effects.

For instance, if Australia fields a third-choice line-up, there is every chance that the Socceroos could lose to the Soccer pygmies of Fiji and Taiwan away from home. And the national team has suffered enought ridicule and pain already this year without being humiliated by teams like Fiji and Taiwan.

If Australia does decide to send boys on a men's errand, and the team loses, how will this affect Scheinflug's ambitions to become permanent national team coach? Coaches are judged on results . . . full stop.

Also, it is wrong in principle to select players to represent their country if those players have not earned the honour. It downgrades and cheapens national selection — and Australia has already honoured too many players unworthy of World Cup places.

Tomorrow (Wednesday) night in Adelaide, Scheinflug will play, basically, the top Australian XI with a small infusion of inexperienced youngsters like Rob Wheatley, Peter Katholos and David Mitchell.

This is the sensible way to build for the future. A few kids — if they are talented enough — SHOULD be brought in. Too many kinds would defeat the team-building exercise.

FOOTNOTE: In case some people do not realise it, Australia still has an outside chance of qualifying for the World Cup — and that's another good reason for not using untried teenagers wantonly.

UNLUCKY LIONS LOSE LATCHFORD

By Wally Bruce

England Soccer international Bob Latchford has been struck down by his hamstring again and is almost certain to miss his remaining guest appearances with Brisbane Lions.

Latchford had played in two home PSL matches, against West Adelaide and Footscray, and last Wednesday night appeared for Lions in their Philips Cup match against Melbourne's Hakoah.

Latchford was tackled twice early and after 10 minutes signalled to coach Joe Gilroy that he had to leave the field, as he clutched his left hamstring.

Later, Latchford said no one had kicked him, a suspicion Gilroy at first held, but that it had just given way again.

Latchford was still in the dressing room after the Lions players went to start the second half of their Cup match.

He sat on a bench, wrapped in a towel, with his head in his hands and was obviously distraught.

This is the same injury which sidelined Latchford from the Everton team for most of last season in England.

Latchford was joined in the dressing room by Lions director Paul Templeton, the man responsible for bringing the international to Brisbane.

He announced immediately that Latchford would miss the following game on Sunday away against Newcastle a situation which would have disappointed the KB management, as they had been strongly billing a "Latchford v Mike Channon" match.

And Templeton admitted there was almost no hope that Latchford would be able to fulfil his remaining guest appearances. He was to play against Leichhardt Strikers at home next Sunday.

"You must agree that Lions is one of the unluckiest clubs in the league," Templeton said.

"First Ron Millman breaks his leg during Latchford's

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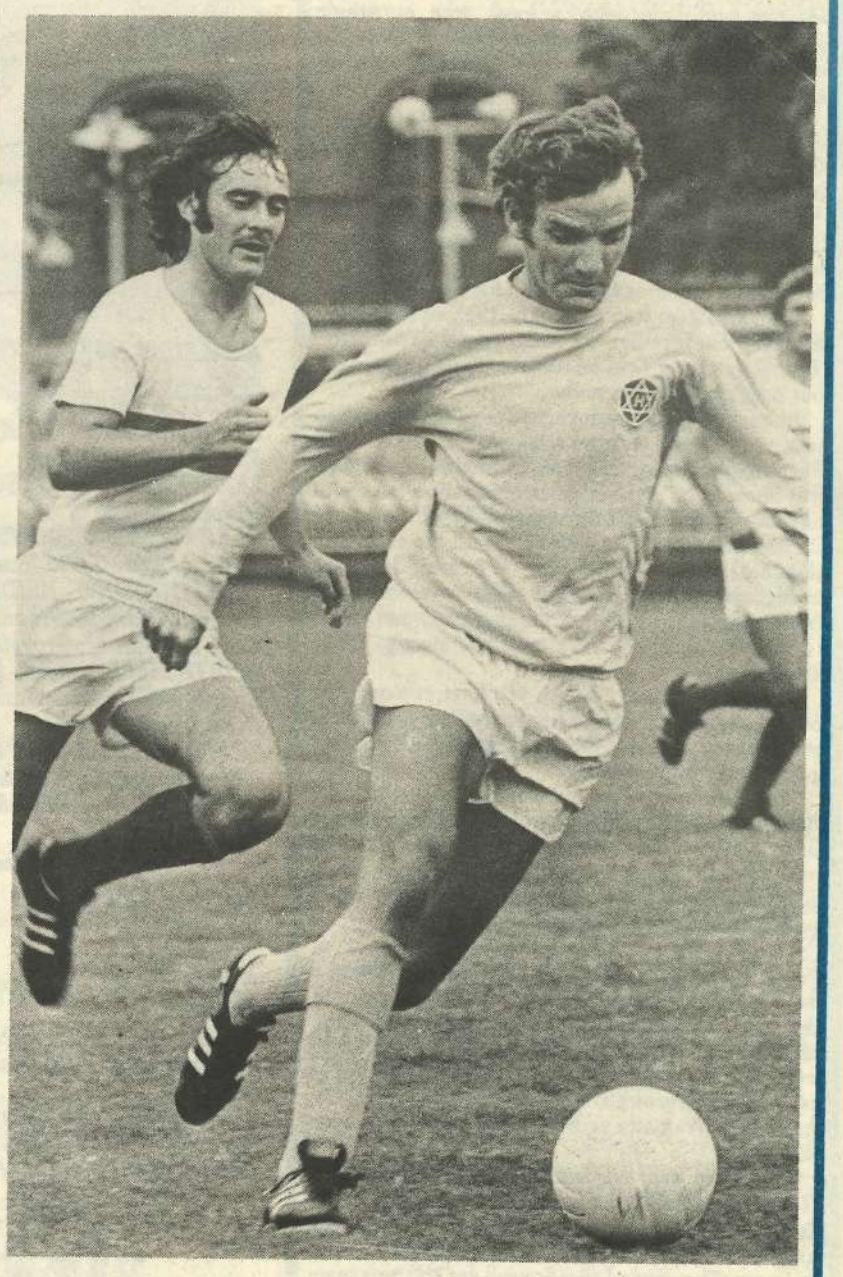
TELECOM TROUBLE

Due to the Telecom dispute, ASW has had problems receiving match reports etc., from some States.

We apologise if our usual comprehensive Soccer coverage is not 100 per cent this week.



WELCOME BACK RAY!

Ray Baartz is the latest member of the 1974 Socceroo squad to jump into the turbulent waters of PSL coaching. Ray is caretaker-coach of Newcastle KB Raiders, in succession to Alan Vest.

Other 1974 Australian stars coaching this year are Jimmy Rooney (Heidelberg), John Watkiss (Sutherland Shire), Atti Abonyi (Riverwood) and Doug Utjesenovic (Avala).

Our picture, taken nine years ago, shows Baartz getting away from Willie Hamilton of St George. Memories, memories . . .

EDITORIAL

Week after week, several clubs find it harder and harder to field teams in the NSW Coca-Cola League. As things get worse, it looks like a few may eventually drive themselves out of existence.

Finances are much tighter for quite a few clubs this year. It's a catch-22 situation: a club can't afford big signing-on fees and match payments to attract players, and without better players and bigger names, they won't get very far in their on and off-field endeavours. Little money is raised from sponsorships and the turnstiles, and you're back where you started from.

Some teams even have enormous difficulties raising the bus fare to Queanbeyan for the games with Inter-Monaro.

Perhaps some should give serious thought to an old idea that seems very feasible at present — amalgamation.

Look at the number of teams in Sydney's western suburbs all vying for crowds and local players and juniors.

Canterbury-Marrickville, Auburn, Bankstown City, Melita, Parramatta City . . . and then you move to the north shore, where you've got North Sydney and Manly struggling on gamely. South there's St George, Sutherland and Riverwood.

There are also clubs in first division which should be looking to amalgamations: Kuring-gai with Manly and/or North Sydney, North Bankstown with their big brother in State League, and Penrith (who boasted youngsters like Ian Hunter, Tony Rasmussen, and Don Campbell before going out of business as Nepean) and State Leaguers Polonia could look to joining arms to become a big force, particularly with many of Polonia's Polish supporters living in the Penrith area.

But a number of clubs are extremely resistant to any suggestions of amalgamations, for the main reason that they don't want their club to lose its identity and links with a local area or ethnic grouping. And perhaps another reason is that club officials don't want to lose their positions of authority.

Canterbury-Marrickville, largely a Greek-backed club, had negotiations for a merger with Sydney Olympic for quite a few years, but talks have now broken down.

Clubs like Canterbury, Auburn, Bankstown and Sutherland who rely largely on social club revenue for finances. Other clubs aren't associated with a social club, and they find it even harder to survive.

If an amalgam is to eventuate, the two clubs most likely to join together are Auburn and Parramatta. Talks have been held at various times in the past, but nothing has happened.

Auburn officials seem receptive to amalgamation talk, and so do Parramatta. When ASW asked Parramatta's president, Bob Chisholm, if the club was likely to be involved in amalgamation talks with anybody in the near future, he said: "At the end of the season, yes, if the situation (with the team and finances) doesn't improve. We may have to amalgamate with a stronger club or a club with better prospects. We have the prospects and venue to do it, and we have a fairly strong junior association.

"It gets to the stage where you have two or three State League sides competing for juniors in an area, which leads to a cut-throat business with players going to the highest bidder."

Both Parramatta and Auburn (as well as clubs like Bankstown, North Sydney and Manly) are struggling financially, and are nearer the bottom end than the top end of the League. Combining two squads would give greater playing strength, a larger area to build support and to work with juniors.

There's also the long-range prospect of Parramatta Rugby League's promises of fielding a Soccer team at top level, with the development of the new Parramatta Stadium complex coming up. Melita Eagles have been mentioned in connection with this as well, and a link with a big junior association through a State League team like Auburn, Parramatta or Bankstown would be a boon to them.

But there are drawbacks with amalgamations. "It's a fancy name for going out of business," said Sutherland secretary Laurie Haynes. "When you have one club instead of two, one has gone out of business. The ground that is used for the new team would tell you which one was taken over, and that club goes out of sight forever, just like Western Suburbs.

"We don't want Sutherland to disappear. We have 9,000 juniors who identify with Sutherland, and it's a firm part of our policy to give an opportunity to the juniors. We're supplying more players into grade football than any other club, and we're a breeding ground.

"The only problem is getting crowds to the games, as the junior and all-age associations tend to disregard Sutherland at times, playing competition games on Sundays. Particularly with the all-age competition, which is too big."

But if there were one or more amalgamations, the numbers in the NSW State League would be reduced, creating space for representatives from other areas to be gradually introduced.

SOPER'S TWO

By Keith Gilmour

John Bradley celebrated his promotion to Leichhardt's first team by joining two-goal Marshall Soper as a scorer in his team's clear-cut 3 - 0 win over Adelaide City yesterday at Lambert Park.

Adelaide City, with delicate build-ups, dominated the opening phases of play but it was Leichhardt who worked the first real chances.

In the 12th minute, Marshall Soper made a break only to have his shot blocked and then Tony Morsello's header flew two metres wide of goal.

A few minutes later, Adelaide City left-winger Brian Northcote took a ball to the by line and tossed over a neat lob. Sergio Melta outjumped the defence but the ball bounced on the crossbar and out of play.

Much of the Giants best work was master-minded by sweeper David Jones but too often the play went across the field leaving Leichhardt goalkeeper Bob Park standing motionless between the sticks.

In the 33rd minute, little John Bradley broke for Leichhardt and then Phil O'Connor's left foot scorcher from the right rocked the post.

Just before half-time, referee Jim Reeves yellow-carded Peter Wilson for a tackle on Charley Villani.

At this stage, Leichhardt's O'Connor appeared to be the only potential match-winner - with the Giants defence quite unable to get his measure up the right wing.

Leichhardt should have hit the lead 10 minutes after the break. Bradley's drive spilled out of goalkeeper Przyblski's arms and then O'Connor hit the post from right in front.

But the inevitable happened with Marshall Soper the architect.

In the 65th minute, he raced into the open, drawing the goalkeeper, to hit the back of the empty net.

Then the effervescent little Bradley got his just deserts when he sliced in Leichhardt's second goal in the 79th minute.

Right on full-time, Soper headed his second goal from a cross by John McKie from the right wing.

LEICHHARDT : Parkes, Skellern, (McKie 82), McAusland, Pullen, Wilson, Coyne(Zaccomer 72), Soper, Gray, Morsello, Bradley, O'Connor.

ADCITY : Przyblski, Russell, B.Nyskohus, Jones, Dods (Manou 55), Villani, Perin, Marocchi, J.Nyskohus, Northcote, Melta.

REFEREE : J.Reeves.

OLYMPIC WINS REPLAY

By STEVE BURNS

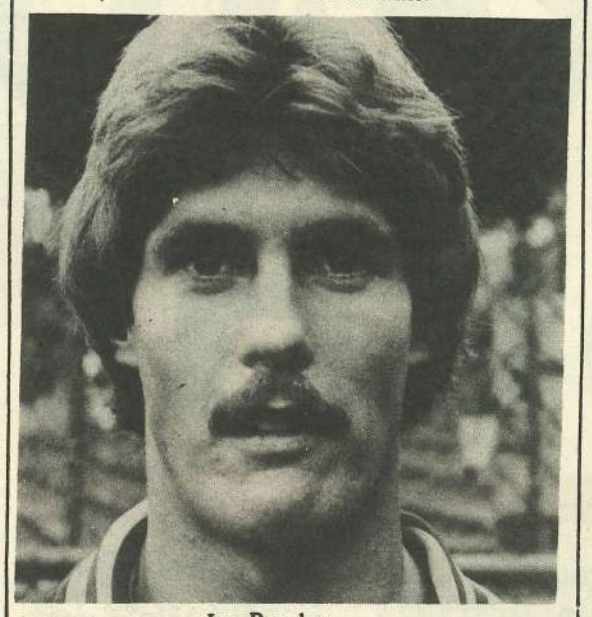
After 210 minutes of exciting Cup-tie football, Sydney Olympic won their Philips Cup replay against Canberra Arrows at Bruce Stadium yesterday.

Olympic sealed the game in the first half, leading 3 - 1 at the interval.It was this early supremacy, plus a morale-breaking fourth goal just 10 minutes from time, that paved the way for Canberra's defeat.

Olympic scored first in the 8th minute when Mark Koussas headed home a neat cross from Graham Jennings. Canberra fought back and equalised through Ian Gibson but Olympic regained the lead when Ian Rowden scored the goal of the game in the 25th minute with a 25 metres rocket which goalkeeper Richard Wilson could do nothing about.

Koussas made it 3 - 1 five minutes before half-time but the Arrows fought back to make it 3 - 2 through Don Maclaren.

Then came the Kenny Wilson fourth goal close to full-time.



Ian Rowden,

CITY EASY

By Wally Bruce

Brisbane City overcame their State League opponents Mareeba United as expected, winning their second round Philips Cup match 3-0 at Spencer Park.

Paul Wilkinson opened the scoring in the 11th minute, heading in a John McVeigh cross.

Eight minutes later City almost got a shock when Mareeba's Manuel Ruiz hit the post.

Just before half-time Wilkinson added his second header, this time from a Billy Wilkinson cross.

Mareeba battled on gamely in the second half and City did not add their third until the 83rd minute when John McVeigh headed home a Frank Pimblett cross.

Monday's Qld State League games:
Mt Gravatt 5 (B.Bohan, G.Bohan, Reid, Dickson, H.Stewart) Capricornia 1 (W.Druery); Gold Coast City 1 Eastern Suburbs 1.

PHILIPS LEAGUE

Round 16:

ADELAIDE CITY - CANBERRA ARROWS ***1-0***
Jones
PRESTON - MARCONI ***0-0***
BRISBANE CITY - SYDNEY SLICKERS ***2-0***
P.Wilkinson, Gaffney
LEICHHARDT - FOOTSCRAY ***2-0***
Wilson, Soper
BLACKTOWN DEMONS - WEST ADELAIDE ***4-0***
Burrows,Djordjevic,Jones,Pointer
WOLLONGONG - HEIDELBERG ***3-4***
Lathan,Adam,McBreen(W)
Cole 2,Paton,McGrory(H)
SOUTH MELBOURNE - SYDNEY OLYMPIC ***1-1***
Evans(SM),Raskopoulos(SO)
Ilioski,Kakantonis
NEWCASTLE KB - BRISBANE LIONS ***3-1***
Channon(KB),Hermiston(BL)
LEICHHARDT - ADELAIDE CITY ***3-0***
Soper 2, Bradley

TOP SCORERS:
8.Boden (SS)
7.Ollerton (P)
6.Sharne(M), Mitchell(AC), Christopoulos, Evans(SM)
5. J.Nyskohus(AC), Gibson, Gibson, Valeri(CA), O'Connor(L), P.Wilkinson(BC), Millman(BL), Paton(H)
4. Cole(H), Kosmina(SS), Koussas(SO), Russell(AC), Hamilton(BC), Cullen(P), Burrows(BD), McBreen(W),Soper(L)

YOUTH LEAGUE

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	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leichhardt	10	2	1	36	15	22
Marconi	9	2	2	39	14	20
Sports Inst.	9	1	4	38	22	19
Newcastle	7	3	3	29	25	17
Sydney Olympic	5	4	5	18	16	14
Sydney City	4	4	5	31		21 12
Wollongong	3	1	9	14	38	7
Blacktown	2	0	10	15	30	4
Canberra	0	1	10	8	47	1

Wollongong - Blacktown 2-0
Newcastle - Sports Inst 3-1
Syd City - Marconi 3-3
Syd Oly - Canberra 2-1

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	Blacktown City			0:1		2:2		1:5				0:2		3:1		2:2	4:0
2	Newcastle KB	1:1			1:1		4:0		0:2		0:1		1:2		3:0	1:1	
3	Leichhardt		2:1			1:1				0:1				2:2	2:0	0:0	
4	Wollongong	1:1		1:1			2:2		0:0		0:1		3:1	3:4	2:1		
5	South Melbourne		2:0		1:0			0:0		1:3		1:0	1:1	2:1		1:0	
6	Preston	2:3		3:1		1:1			1:1		0:1	0:0	3:1		3:0		
7	Adelaide City		4:1		1:2		1:0		1:0	0:1	1:0	0:1		3:1		3:2	
8	Brisbane City	2:1		0:0	1:0					2:0	0:0		3:0		2:0		2:1
9	Sydney City		4:1				2:0		1:1			5:0		1:0		1:1	1:0
10	Canberra City	2:2		0:1		2:2		0:0		2:0			2:1		5:0		1:2
11	Marconi				1:1		1:0		1:1		0:2			3:1		2:1	1:0
12	Sydney Olympic	1:0		1:3		2:2		3:1		2:2		2:0			0:0		3:1
13	Heidelberg		1:2		0:3		2:3		2:0		1:1		1:0				2:0
14	Footscray	2:0		2:1		1:2		1:1		1:0		1:2		2:2			1:1
15	Brisbane Lions		0:1		1:1		2:1		1:0		1:0		1:1		4:0		
16	West Adelaide	2:0	0:1	1:2	0:0	0:2	4:0	0:3									

	HOME					AWAY					AGGREGATE					
	W	D	L	F:A	P	W	D	L	F:A	P	P	W	D	L	F:A	P
SOUTH MELBOURNE	5	2	1	9- 5	11	2	5	0	12- 9	10	15	7	7	1	21-14	21
BRISBANE CITY	6	2	0	12- 2	14	1	4	3	5- 7	6	16	7	6	3	17- 9	20
SYDNEY SLICKERS	5	2	0	15- 3	12	3	1	3	7- 8	7	14	8	3	3	22-11	19
CANBERRA ARROWS	3	3	2	14- 8	9	4	2	2	6- 3	10	16	7	5	4	20-11	19
ADELAIDE CITY	6	0	3	14- 8	12	2	3	2	10- 8	7	16	8	3	5	24-16	19
LEICHHARDT	3	3	1	10- 5	9	4	2	2	10- 8	10	15	7	5	3	20-13	19
MARCONI	4	2	1	9- 6	10	3	1	3	5- 9	7	14	7	3	4	14-15	17
BRISBANE LIONS	5	2	1	13- 5	12	0	4	3	7-10	4	15	5	6	4	20-15	16
WOLLONGONG	2	4	2	12-11	8	2	4	2	8- 6	8	16	4	8	4	20-17	16
SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	4	3	1	14- 9	11	1	2	5	7-15	4	16	5	5	6	21-24	15
NEWCASTLE KB	2	3	3	11- 8	7	3	0	4	7-13	6	15	5	3	7	18-21	13
PRESTON	3	3	2	13- 8	9	1	1	6	6-18	3	16	4	4	8	19-26	12
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	2	2	3	12-13	6	1	3	4	8-13	5	15	3	5	7	20-26	11
HEIDELBERG	3	1	3	9- 9	7	1	2	5	12-19	4	15	4	3	8	21-28	11
FOOTSCRAY	3	3	2	11- 9	9	0	1	7	1-21	1	16	3	4	9	12-30	10
WEST ADELAIDE	2	1	4	7- 8	5	1	1	7	6-18	3	16	3	2	11	13-26	8

CROWD FIGURES UP THIS YEAR

By ALEX VESIC

An increase of almost 10 per cent on last year's crowd figures coupled with over 4,000 people per match after the first seven rounds are the most pleasing aspects of the Philips Soccer League competition this year.

All the gloomy forecasts before the season started, together with some heavy predictions about the proposed formation of regional leagues, must surely be defused by this revelation.

Let's look at some of the figures supplied for the first seven rounds from the offices of the PSL.

During the first seven rounds of the PSL last year, 181,458 spectators paid to watch. With rounds two and three being a "game short", seven rounds had 47 matches played, providing us with an average of 3,860 per match.

For the corresponding period this year - for 55 matches - 221,306 people went through the turnstiles. That's an average of 4,023 per match.

An increase of 9.6 per cent on last year's figures over a period of seven rounds must surely prove beyond doubt that Soccer is showing an unusual trend this year — up!

While all the other codes are losing crowds we are on the increase.

VEST HAS HIS SAY

By Brad Earl

Alan Vest is "taking a rest" for the remainder of the season, and will look for new job for next year.

He says his years as coach of Newcastle KB United, from their first season in the PSL in 1978, were "a struggle from start to finish".

His departure from the club was due to a few cumulative factors, but things finally blew up when Malcolm McClelland filed a transfer request after a dispute with the coach.

Vest said Newcastle will have to get a licenced club very soon, and solve the problem of ground arrangements, to stay alive.

Their only income comes from the Tooth and Co. sponsorship, and gate takings which are affected by the number of people who get in free at the International Sports Centre by being trust members.

The club have considered moving from the ISC to solve this problem of lost revenue.

It was always a struggle to get the team on the park financially, Vest said, and it was particularly disappointing to have to part with players like Ken Boden and Arno Bertogna to raise cash.

LIONS LOSE LATCHFORD

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first appearance; then this happens. These are only two instances. We have had plenty of rotten luck since the PSL began."

Templeton said even if Latchford did not play again in Australia he would remain until the end of his scheduled six weeks stay and continue making personal appearances and conducting coaching clinics.

The club immediately made an appointment for Latchford to see a specialist in the hope that a miracle could be performed.

Apart from Latchford's disappointment over his Lions obligation, he obviously will be thinking ahead to when he returns home to Liverpool, and how the injury again will affect his First Division future.

"I really feel sorry for Bob. He is an absolute gentleman and dealing with him has been a tremendous pleasure" Templeton said.

For the Cup match itself, it is one best forgotten. Lions were by far the superior team, yet won only 1-0, with a 25th minute header from Bobby Ferris.

Hakoah players upset the small crowd by their rough tackling, as they struggled to keep up with the pace and skill of their PSL opponents.

Referee Dave Nugent eventually booked Bill Jordanou, then sent him off during the second half for allegedly head — butting Paul Ontong.

Lions missed a host of chances and as frustation set in, Hakoah, even with only 10 men, came back to launch a few dangerous raids, and almost snatched an equaliser on a couple of occasions.

ARNO BERTOGNA

LEICHHARDT SIGNS DINAMO'S KUZE

By Keith Gilmour

Signing of brilliant left-back Josip Kuze from Dinamo Zagreb means that Leichhardt are now seeing light along the tunnel.

It has taken 2½ years of struggling and investing in players to wipe off the memories of two black years in the State League.

The club's fans were simply not interested in the standard of football served up after Sydney's best teams went to the new Philips League and before the position improved.

Kuze's arrival will mean that Mark Pullen can return to stopper and Alan Hughes can join the midfield.

When Terry Butler is ready he will probably be brought into the right midfield.

Kuze (28) was introduced to the Strikers by midfielder Zdenko Kakfa, another former Dinamo star.

He is good enough to have made more than 250 appearances for one of Yugoslavia's best clubs, although he missed playing in Australia in January due to injury.

"I have seen him play back in Europe, so I have no doubt about what he can do," Wallace said.

Kuze a lawyer, has been granted a temporary visa,

Terry Butler is stepping up his training, and will be a great gain when he is ready.

Referring to Wollongong's picking up Arno Bertogna from Newcastle, Wallace said: "There is no need crying over spilt milk.

"It would have been nice to have the boy, and especially so next season.

"I was not happy over the way we lost out, but good luck to him with his new club."

ROBERTSON RETURNS TO SLICKERS

By Keith Gilmour

Alec Robertson (26) is back in Sydney and will play for Sydney City.

A left-back or sweeper, Robertson has been a regular in the Scottish First Division with Dumfermline Athletic.

He played with Sydney City right at the start of the Philips League in 1977, but returned to Scotland for family reasons.

"We realised later that it was a mistake to go back," he said.

His wife Maureen and two youngsters Sean and Mark will join him next month.

No wonder coach Eddie Thomson and the Slickers band are smiling.

Robertson is one of those impressive players who blends in well with his team-mates, and his creative work will be appreciated by the crowds.

Alitalia

BAD TEAMS BREED TOP GOALKEEPERS

Dennis Boland of Footscray and Martyn Crook of West Adelaide are Australia's two best goalkeepers . . . . according to judges of the AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY - MARCONI TRAVEL "player of the year" contest.

It is often said that a losing team, a team constantly struggling to prevent goals being conceded, brings out the best in its goalkeeper.

Perhaps that's why Boland and Crook have taken the eye of our judges so frequently this season.

Step aside Allan Maher and Greg Woodhouse!

Boland and Crook have picked up 11 points so far. They are still a long way behind the contest leader, Terry Byrne of Canberra Arrows.

Byrne has shown remarkably consistent form and now has 25 points, an average of two per match.

The great prize in the contest is a return air ticket to Rome, flying Alitalia.

In addition to the Alitalia trip, the winner will be presented with the ASW - MARCONI TRAVEL trophy which he will keep permanently.

ASW and MARCONI TRAVEL will also give the top goalscorer in the Philips League a portable television set. Kenny Boden's two goals for Sydney City against South Melbourne took him to top place last week.

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Here is the latest list of points scorers in our "player of the year" competition:

25 - Terry Byrne
20 - David Mitchell
17 - Peter Katholos
16 - Alun Evans
13 - Chris Dunleavy, Joe Senkalski
12 - Peter Wilson (Leich)
11 - Phil O'Connor, Dennis Boland, Martyn Crook, Tony Henderson, Paul Wilkinson
10 - Peter Sharne, Jim Hermiston, Greg Woodhouse, Robbie Cullen, Bill de Graaf, Ian Souness, Arthur Xanthopoulos
9 - Col Bennett, Jim Campbell, Clive Campbell, John Djordjevic, Allan Maher
8 - Gary Byrne, Brian O'Donnell, Bruce James, Malcolm McClelland
7 - Jimmy Wright, Stuart Selvage, Jim McBreen, Jim Tansey, Doug Brown, Peter Tymczyszyn, Alan Whittle, Peter Boyle
6 - Joe Palinkas, Joe Watson, Vince Bannon, Martin Coe, Gary Clayton, Dan Jovanovic, Jimmy Dunne, Ron Millman, Jim O'Reilly, Paul Ontong
5 - Jim Ziras, John Kosmina, Bobby Russell, John Nyskohus, Walter Valeri
4 - Tom Forde, Gary Meier, Baz Giampaolo, Gary Cole, Ian Gibson, Steve Blair, Ken Boden, Richard Wilson, Ian Bruce, Alan Niven, Bugsy Nyskohus, Peter Ollerton, Ljube Petkovski, Tony Brennan, Brian Northcote

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY

STAR INTERVIEW

ATTI ABONYI
Talks to Brad Earl

Atti Abonyi is one of the all-time greats in Australian Soccer: a player who made 58 full international appearances and 88 national games for Australia, and scored 25 full international goals, and a total of 36 for all national matches. Those last two figures are records in Australia, and are still fairly safe today.

Abonyi came to Australia with his family from Hungary in 1957, and broke into first grade Soccer in 1962 with Melbourne HSC. The side won the Victorian State League and the Australia Cup in 1967, the year Atti first played in the Australian national side, against Scotland. His last match for the Socceroos was 11 years later, in '77.

In 1969, he moved to St George in Sydney, and then to Croatia Sydney in 1977. They won the State League premiership that year, and Atti led them to two more as player-coach in the following two years. In 1980, he took over Melita, gave away playing after about 530 first grade games, and won the State League for them.

After offers from PSL clubs at the beginning of this year, Abonyi decided to stay in the State League with Arncliffe Scots (now Riverwood).

Q: Where will Riverwood finish this year, Atti?

A: At the start of the season I was, and I'm still confident of making the top four — that's our aim. I still think we can do it, remembering last year that the club finished 10th, so anything above 10th would be an improvement.

I'm really enjoying my job here at Riverwood, and it's a fantastic set-up. We're not a glamour side, but we have plenty of potential within the club, and I think the club's got a tremendous future.

Q: Looking back on your playing career, what were the best highlights, personally?

A: I suppose I was fortunate in having quite a few, having played 17 years in first division, but I would have to go for two. The first playing against West Germany in the World Cup in '74, and the other one was scoring for Manchester United (when I was asked by Tommy Docherty to be a guest player in '75 in Brisbane against Queensland), simply because ever since I was six years old I've barracked for Manchester United. Then I ended up playing for them — personally that'd have to be my biggest thrill in Soccer.

Q: A lot of people have spoken of you as a prospective PSL coach. Do you think you'll move, and if so, when?

A: Well it'd have to be one of my ambitions of course. But I feel at this stage that I've only coached for four years, and I've got years ahead of me. I could have taken a Philips League job this year, but I felt it was a bit too early for me. I don't want to rush it: too many coaches rush into jobs when they're not just capable of doing what is expected of them. I feel if the job is there this year, it will still be there in three or four years time. By then I'll have more experience, I'll be a better coach, so I'm not even thinking about it at this stage.

Q: Who are the coaches you most admire in Australia?

A: I'd have to say Rale Rasic. I've been under him for a number of years, with the national team, and at club level. Plus now I've been working with him for about three years with the Australian Soccer Camps. I've known him for 15 or 16 years, and I would say I definitely have learned a lot of my coaching abilities from him.

I regard him as the most professional coach in this country, and I still believe, even now, he would have been the only person who could have taken Australia to Spain. He's only had one go at the World Cup, in '74, and he achieved it, so what's wrong with the guy? Unfortunately politics come into it and administrators feel politics is more important than Soccer, and some are more concerned about titles without doing something to benefit JUST the game. Let them destroy Soccer the way they have been the last year or two.

But I'm not here to talk about politics: this is the game for the kids, and they must see the game as it should be seen, not through the eyes of a politician. It's got to be Soccer and nothing else.

Q: What do you think the future holds for Australia?

A: I grew up in this country and I've been part of the Australian Soccer set-up for the last 20 years, and I know a fair bit about it. We've been saying for too long now that "Soccer's going to take off," and somehow I get the feeling that gradually Soccer's going backwards instead of going forward.

Somehow, somewhere along the line, there's got to be a dramatic change in the whole set-up and administration right through the ranks, starting at the junior level. Junior Soccer is a big problem as far as I'm concerned; it hasn't worked the way it's been running for the last 10 or 15 years, so why not do something about it? There's a lot of things that we could change for the better. Same as at top level. A whole new change-about has to come, with people who know a bit about the game, and let them do it all.

Q: Where do we start changes in the juniors' set-up?

A: I deal with juniors quite a bit now being full-time, and I can see a lot of things I would personally like to change. Number one would be cut out all the competitive football under the age of 10; cut down the number of teams within clubs — when you consider that some clubs have got 65 to 70 junior teams, how on earth can they provide grounds with right facilities, balls, coaches, etc, for all this? Why do it if you can't provide? This is where the game is starting to suffer. I know I'm starting with the basics, but let's face it, that's where everything starts, at the bottom, and then you work your way up.

Very few kids know about the Australian national team. Doing a survey in the last couple of weeks, I found for example, six out of 60 kids knew who the captain of the Australian team was. Now who do you blame: the kids or the set-up? I blame the set-up. It's got to start to work now, or before you know it it's 1986 and it'll be too late again.

Q: Do you think the coaches in Australia are good enough?

A: No, of course not; let's face it, nothing's good enough. That's one of my strongest points as far as Soccer goes: I'm a very hard person to satisfy — you can never say anything's good enough, we must improve. As I said, we should start at the very bottom and work up; you could say we have to improve first the facilities, then the coaching, then playing standard, refereeing, the administrative set-up, publicity: everything has to be improved if you want to be recognised as a Soccer nation.

Q: How's the playing standard?

A: Throughout the world, in my opinion, the Soccer standard has dropped in the last 10 years. It's become more physical, a lot more demanding, due to the fact that a lot more money's poured into the game nowadays; win-at-all-cost, which is everybody's attitude, again probably starting with the kids. You can't do two things at once — win at all cost and also play football, the way it was played say 10 years ago when there was a lot more skill. Ten years ago with St George, we used to draw 15,000 against Sydney Olympic and Apia, and now you probably wouldn't get more than 10,000 at international level. But it's the same throughout the world with the actual playing side of Soccer.

For example, to compare the '74 World Cup side to the present side, in my way of thinking the present Socceroos couldn't produce 20 per cent of what the '74 World Cup side could as far as football is concerned. That's purely on the Soccer side of things; but probably a lot faster and better prepared physically.

Q: What about the youth team — can they do well in the Championships later this year?

A: That's one thing I would dearly love — to start at that level. I'm not talking about this year, but in a year or two. I think it's important if we have up-and-coming coaches like Johnny Watkiss, who's still fairly young in the game, myself, and a few others, to start at that sort of level, and work our way up, like they do everywhere else in the world.

I think there's a lot of good talent, because there are a lot of good players in that age group — 17, 18, 19 — and that would be a marvellous job to have. From now till 1985, there are four years to constantly work with the same guys. This year I don't think our preparation is as good as it should be, and of course, having drawn probably the hardest group with Argentina and England, I think it's going to be a hell of a task, extremely hard.

But it's only four months away and things are pretty quiet on the national youth team scene itself, and I think it should have been in full swing three or four months ago. So we'll just have to wait and see what happens.

Q: You were also involved in the '77 World Cup qualifying matches, so would you say there's been a gradual decline from '74 to '77 to now?

A: I was involved in three World Cups, 1970, '74, and '78, and I suppose I can look back over 12 years of World Cup football and compare quite a few things. Just on the players and the squad, the '74 squad was virtually together for four years, from '70 to '74. Rasic used about 30 players in four years. Then after '74 a number of players, Johnny Watkiss, Johnny Warren, Manfred Schaefer, Ray Baartz, Ray Richards, plus a few others — the back-bone of the team — virtually retired from international football. So a new generation came along, although we still had about half a dozen players, Peter Wilson, Allan Maher, myself, who were part of '74 and continued on to '77.

So there was an opportunity to build around the more experienced players, and of course we had some exciting new players come into the '77 side, Johnny Kosmina, Peter Stone, Todd Clarke. Basically in my opinion it was quite a good side. Jimmy Shoulder didn't have the experience a national coach needs for a World Cup campaign. It's different coaching an Australian team for a friendly international than for a World Cup tournament. Lack of experience by Jimmy Shoulder let the team down. I respect the guy tremendously, and he knows quite a lot about the game, but again if we had Rale Rasic in '77 there is no doubt in my mind we would have qualified.

Every four years it seems to be easier and easier to qualify, as far as we're concerned. In '74 we had to play teams like Israel, Iraq, Iran, South Korea, then in '77 there was really only Kuwait and Iran, and this time, not only do two teams qualify, but you had no Israel, no Iran, no Iraq and South Korea's dropped out, so there was really not much to play against. It seems to be getting easier and easier, but as far as we're concerned we are making it harder and harder for ourselves.

Q: Do you think we've got an inflated opinion of ourselves in Australia, that we think we can just walk through the qualifying group?

A: I think you're pretty right there, because after '74 it was taken for granted that we made it once and we can do it every four years. It was after '74 that the game should have really taken off, it was the right time and the image of Soccer was tremendously high, but again on the administrative side, I felt they just took it for granted that we'd done it once and we'd do it in the future. Even in this campaign people were talking about it six months ago; Gutendorf and the ASF were saying "WHEN we get to Spain, we'll GET to Spain." You can't. World Cup is so different to everything else, World Cup is the top, and it has to be respected and approached as such. Since '74, we haven't approached the World Cup as seriously as we did then.

Q: Would you like to be Australian national coach in the future?

A: Well of course it must be everybody's ambition. If you've been involved in the game as I have been, and Soccer is my life and I always like to think that it will be, you must of course aim at the top. But again, I think I've got a long way to go. In the long run I'd love to take the job, if I get the opportunity, put it that way.

Not being an outsider might cut my chances down a fair bit, but I'm always hoping!

With the Girls

By DON BALMAIN

COSTLY — BUT WORTH IT

With the National Championships to be held in Sydney, at Chatswood Oval, on the North Shore in about 12 weeks time, we thought that we would examine what goes into setting up a State team for competition.

In most States, it is a case of crawl before you can walk.

The clubs and club coaches of women's teams must share the initial "donkey work" of preparing girls for the relative easy task of representing their own club and club teams in local competitions.

To these people who spend so much dedicated time with their charges must go the accolades of girls who have made it to State level.

There are some club coaches who are quite prepared to teach the fundamentals to a group of youngsters who have perhaps, seen their older brothers or sisters play and thought that they too, would like to take a hand in the round-ball game.

Dedicated

These people, to my way of thinking, are the really dedicated people of our Soccer fraternity.

They think of nothing else but to impart their knowledge to further the game. I have seen one old gentleman, in a somewhat worn track-suit and proudly sporting a pocket with a union jack emblazoned upon it with the wording, "England Representative team, 1936", embroidered in fading colours.

He was surrounded by a group of eager young girls, maybe 10 or 11 years-old, and hanging on his every word. Occasionally he would rise to demonstrate a point which the girls immediately copied.

Sure, our old gentleman would probably be a little stiff going about his retirement activities the following day but the enjoyment and pleasure was there plainly to see. He was putting something back into the game that he had learned many years ago. That is what coaching is all about.

But then, we all know that this is only the beginning.

This type of coaching, though admirable in its application and the ground work for all Soccer players, is only the beginning. With girls who have progressed far past that stage, there is a different attitude to Soccer preparation.

Coaching and managing a State team is what could be called "the big time" of women's Soccer.

These days and certainly in the past three years, the preparation of a State team begins, in most States, in January. It is obvious that competition amongst the States is becoming more exact and demanding.

Anxious

This is borne out by the top coaches who some States have obtained for their girls. There are at least three coaches who have top ASF coaching certificates and others who have coached Rothman's League top men's teams. Such are the people becoming interested in top women's Soccer.

Other aspects of State teams competing in the National Championships have caused many an anxious moment to the administration people of all States. These are not really the concern of the State players but, indirectly, the problems concern them all. This is the ever present ogre of lack of cash.

I know that the administrators of the Sport will be nodding their heads sagely as they read this. There is no doubt that this, above all else, is the chief concern everywhere.

To outfit a single player these days, let alone the 18 girls which is the maximum allowed in a State team, is not talked about lightly.

Even allowing for the fact that most girls have their own boots (until they are forced to buy others because their old faithfuls are falling to bits), the cost of a good quality shirt and shorts and socks will leave an Association with not very much left from $50 note.

Naturally a track-suit must go with this outfit and with this item costing well in excess of forty dollars if bought retail, it would not be too far wrong to expect little change from one hundred dollars just to get the girl on the park.

Then comes the crunch. Having got the girls dressed and ready to go, how do they go to the championships? Road? On the eastern side of Australia — fairly inexpensive — $75 per girl if you are lucky. From the West? Too long and tiresome.

Ideal

The most used means of tavel lately has been by air with discount fares being snapped up like hungry trout by money-starved Soccer Associations.

Certainly this is the ideal way of travel and the girls arrive fresh and ready to go. But at what cost?

Delving into past history for the 1980 Championships held in Adelaide, we find that even with discounting a State team from New South Wales paid $2862.

Next to travel, accommodation for the duration of the tournament can also cause a hole in State Association's pocket.

Not only, do the girls need somewhere to rest but the feeding of the inner-woman has to be done at least twice a day.

By this time, readers will realise that getting a team together to represent their State is not all fun and frolic.

The total cost of a team travelling to Adelaide from Sydney last year was almost $7,000.

And where did this money come from ? Apart from a small but gratifying government grant, the girls did what they had done in previous years — raised the money themselves.

One of the smaller associations with little experience in the traumas of fund-raising for their State team, even had to go to the extent of taking out a personal loan to get the girls there.

Sponsors are now starting to take an interest in top women's Soccer and overtures have been made by some sponsors for teams to carry their name.

This year in Sydney, we are fortunate that at least one television channel will be covering the games. Channel 0-28 have given the organisers assurance that they will be covering the opening day ceremony and several days during the carnival including the vital last day. It is hopeful that other T.V. stations may do the same thing.

So women Soccer followers everywhere, look with pride at your State team. Not only have they done it the hard way with gruelling training, possible loss of a job to take part, and personal sacrifice, they have done it so that you, the Soccer players of the future can take over the running when these girls step aside for their "Sisters in Soccer" to take up the challenge.

STRAIGHT SHOOTING

With MIKE MYSTAKIDIS

The failure of Australia's national team to qualify for the World Cup Finals in Spain continues to concern a few people, while for the majority it has passed as a bad sports result which has almost been forgotten.

The minority want the ASF President's head on the plate, because we won't be going to Spain, or because they have something else on their minds.

On this matter, I think it is necessary to face the truth and divide the responsibilities.

We spent half a million dollars, which is equivalent to the price of one good foreign player's leg, and we cry desperately.

But what have we done in order to spend it correctly?

Who of those who insist on the resignation of Sir Arthur George had better ideas before, and why didn't theysay so?

What have the other coaches done to help the national team?

What have the players done to honour their national colours?

Or are we expecting the president of the ASF to go and beat the New Zealanders by himself?

For one objective critic the questions which arise from the failure are many but could be broken into three basic ones:

(a) Was the choice of players the best?

(b) How great was the coach's knowledge?

(c) How good was the preparation?

All other charges against Sir Arthur George are nonsense with no basis.

They cannot exist because none of us has the right to make accusations. Accusations will always be made by anyone in every case of a failure.

The difficulty lies in praising something good which happens.

Sir Arthur George.

This is why, in 1974, under the leadership of Sir Arthur George, with players produced by "Uncle Joe" Vlasits, like Warren, Watkiss Abonyi, Alston, Tolson and many more, Australia went to the finals in West Germany; no-one has said a good word about that.

Credit was taken by the coach. Every reader will ask himself: Why, when we went to Germany, Sir Arthur George was not mentioned in the success and now that we're not going to Spain, he is the one we hold responsible for failure?

But what other country in in the world, except the Soccer-developed, has succeeded — in three finals — in going twice? We went once. England, not at all. Is this not a success? Or maybe the experts wanted a contract from Sir Arthur George according to which we must be present at every World Cup Final?

More than 130 countries started for Spain. But in the end only 24 will arrive in the summer of '82.

From 110 which aren't going to make it, many are stronger than us, literally European and South American giants.

I believe that not one of these countries will follow us in asking for the resignation of its president.

The English have asked in the past for the resignation of coaches. Now maybe they will ask Ron Greenwood. Never will they ask for the resignation of the F.A. president.

If, in every team and every company, for the failure of the coach or the employee, they asked for the resignation of the president or general-manager, all teams and companies will be ridiculed.

Criticism is good when it looks ahead to find the mistakes and to avoid repeating them. But not when it is done from personal hate and dislike towards a person who represents the whole sport.

Whoever has learned to lose — seeing the superiority of the opponent — has also learned to win. This is what sport logic says and this shows the sporting maturity of each one of us who likes to be called a Soccer supporter.

WHAT'S UP DOC?

BY TOMMY DOCHERTY

I'd like to pay a big compliment to our marvellous supporters in the match against Leichhardt.

Leichhardt defeated us 3-1 — good luck to Leichhardt, they took the chances that came their way well — and we, as usual, missed our chances after once again creating so many.

But I'm not too upset with our lads, because, if I've said it once I've said it a thousand times, they are the best Soccer-playing side in Australia, by far, at the moment.

This is proved by the fact that on a terrible day, even by English standards, we had 5,500 people who stood for an hour before the game, and for 20 minutes afterwards to see the young Sydney Olympians off the field after they had given a marvellous display of fast, aggressive, attacking Soccer at its best; and that was a great tribute to our team from our magnificent supporters.

I'd like to say to you marvellous Greek supporters, on behalf of all my players and my committee, I hope we bring you some success this year, because you have shown that you deserve it. Thanks a million — I've been coach of many clubs, even the great Manchester United, and, by comparison, it is a marvellous gesture by you to turn up in such great numbers to show your appreciation of our team.

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This week I'd also like to thank the media, who come in for a lot of criticism from supporters, and myself. I say thanks to them for the marvellous publicity, over the last few weeks especially, you've given to Sydney Olympic Soccer Club, and, although it has been deserved, you didn't have to do it — thank-you for this, and for trying to be fair to Soccer in general.

I know it's not easy for you, because lots of coaches and lots of clubs don't particularly go out of their way to help you, and this can be difficult. I'd like to give you a pat on the back for your honest reporting, and if it's been criticism, at least it's been constructive, and I've spoken to certain members of the media, and they've never expressed disappointment to me in certain aspects of our game.

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I can't really finish this column without having a laugh at John Warren.

Last week he criticised me a bit, inasmuch as he said I didn't go to the Cricket Ground to see the return match New Zealand against Australia.

That is a fact, John: I didn't go to that game at all. Because four weeks before that particular match I had accepted an invitation to go on the Michael Parkinson show, and that was the reason I wasn't at the Cricket Ground to see Rudi Gutendorf's team lose 2-0 to the Kiwis.

But I did go to New Zealand, John, and this will hurt you: at my own expense, John, not someone else's, to see the Socceroos draw 3-each with New Zealand in Auckland. I didn't see you there John. I suppose you were at one of your training camps again.

And also with interest I read about your father who has been a supporter in Wollongong for 25 years — that's what I call a true supporter, because anyone who can support Wollongong for 25 years must be a glutton for punishment!

(I'm saying that tongue-in-cheek John, because Wollongong, as I remember them, were South Coast when I came over here in '64, and they were a good side under Jimmy Kelly, and I still feel they are going to be a very good side under Ken Morton.)

I know it's all true John that your two brothers coached teams in Australia. And I know you did as well John. Big deal. I know you hold FIFA certificates, and the Australian coaching certificate. What does that mean John? Certificates mean nothing; experience means everything, and the jobs that you hold probably mean even more.

Bob Paisley's got no coaching certificates, nor Brian Clough, John. They've won the European Cup five times between them, and the League championship probably more than five times between them. So what's that telling us, John, about coaching certificates?

And also John, although I couldn't be at the Cricket Ground, while I was invited as guest of Sir Arthur George, for the match against New Zealand, I did go to the training camp after the match to have a drink with Rudi and offer my condolences to him. I wasn't pleased with the defeat either, because it doesn't do much good for Australian Soccer.

In closing John, how much does Tommy Docherty care what happens? Tommy Docherty, John, is getting paid big money to coach Sydney Olympic, I care about Sydney Olympic, and I care about Australian Soccer. Because when I am involved in something, I do it totally. And I can assure you whatever job I undertake, I care.

I think it's as simple as that. Because I get called one thing, John, I don't suppose you'll be allowed to be called in your life again: I'm called a professional. I don't suppose you know the feeling John.

So I hope this is the last we'll hear about our little conflict, and I want to thank you for your little criticism, John, because it's made my little ghost-written article that much easier this week, because of the information that you supplied me with. I suppose my ghost writer does it, John, because I do it on a cassette tape for him, and he writes it down word for word more or less.

But then it's difficult for me John, because I'm very, very busy: I don't think you know the feeling. You probably write your own articles because you've got more time on your hands than I have. See you, John.

THE DOC SAYS "NO"

English third division club, Preston North End, wants Tommy Docherty to take over as team manager — but The Doc isn't interested.

Last week, Preston, recently relegated from the second division, sacked manager Nobby Stiles (of England World Cup fame).

The Lancashire club then contacted Docherty at Sydney Olympic to ask if he would consider taking over from Stiles.

Docherty thanked Preston for the offer but said he was very happy with his present club and was enjoying the challenge of Sydney Soccer.

His Preston connection goes back many years, in fact Docherty was a star wing-half with the club when they were a force in the English first division.

If he does decide to return to England to manage a club, it seems obvious that he would have to be tempted by one of the top teams — not by a struggling third division outfit.

The Preston North End job is hardly a plum position.

PURDIE IS GLAD TO BE HERE

By Steve Burns

"My trade is football — I've never earned my living any other way," said the second of Canberra's major Scottish imports, Ian Purdie.

Purdie, 28, has been the subject of $200,000 transfers during his professional Soccer career with Aberdeen, Dundee, Motherwell, Wigan and Portsmouth.

Even now, in fact, he's a free agent only if he plays in Australia. The minute he sets foot in the U.K. again his last club, Portsmouth, will immediately claim him as their own and demand a transfer fee.

That doesn't worry Canberra Arrows. They got him free as they did Ian Gibson.

And both seem the bargains of the year — thanks to fellow Scot, coach George Murray.

Purdie has no illusions about Murray's ability. Their association goes way back at Purdie's beginnings in Soccer — at Aberdeen — where George Murray was then a player.

"He's a total professional," Purdie said.

Purdie is a player who excites with his coolness, ball skills and tremendous left-footed shooting ability.

For five seasons he was with Aberdeen,he made over 60 first division appearances before moving to fellow first division club, Dundee, for a $60,000 transfer fee.

Then the slightly built Purdie was a left winger. His right-wing mate at Aberdeen?

None other than Peter Marinello, now playing with Pheonix in America — the man who made such a big impression with PSL fans when he guested with Canberra two seasons ago.

IAN PURDIE

Purdie, in fact, has played with many big names, like Martin Buchan, Willie Young and the famed Ajax and ex-Hungarian World Cup star, Zoltan Varga, whom Purdie still rates the best he has either played with or against.

Aberdeen, Dundee, Motherwell, Wigan, Portsmouth. That's a tidy list of clubs for one so young, particular after such a long spell with the first.

"A player has to move," said Purdie.

"Several times my career has been interrupted by injury but you have to go where the opportunities are."

He said he was tremendously glad to be in Australia.

"I can't really comment just yet on the standard. I haven't played against enough teams."

And the ex-Scottish Under 23 international reckoned he would settle in quickly.

"I wasn't match fit but George has fixed my general fitness quickly," Purdie said.

Purdie said he had already been excited at the sheer enthusiasim of Canberra Arrows' fans.

"They keep on telling me this year is the Arrows' year," he said.

"I want to be part of that."

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KB TEAM IMPROVES

By Ian Smith

Whether it was the appearance of Mick Channon, the going of Vest, the win against Heidelberg, or a combination of all three, Newcastle KB Raiders collectively showed more enthusiasm than they had all season in the match against Brisbane Lions.

As they mounted pressure on the visitors' defence it appeared as though Newcastle were headed for goals in the first half. However, despite five corners and a volley from Sumner neither Newcastle nor Brisbane really showed any penetration and the game was continually deadlocked in midfield.

In was not until the second half when patterns began to emerge.

In the opening eight minutes of the second half, Brisbane Lions tried the same tactics as Newcastle, hitting shots from well outside the penalty area and relying on the breeze to carry them goalward.

Steven Hogg hit such a shot from 30 metres in the 50th minute that required a brilliant save at full stretch by Phil Dando.

Until that time, Hogg had been mainly involved in the game through marking of Mick Channon, a job he had done very well.

With one hour gone, the match as a spectacle suddenly took on a new meaning.

A delightful move which involved six players and started from central defender, Craig Mason, who was superb in his new role, finished up with KB winning a corner, duly taken by Graham Heys.

As it floated over, Channon came boring in and headed the ball home in traditional English striker style with power and direction.

With their one goal lead, KB sparkled with football reminiscent of Sydney City at their best with Senkalski and Sumner outstanding in midfield.

Graham Heys

Alas, it only lasted 20 minutes, until Bob Mountford missed what should have been a certain goal as he received the ball and had only the goalkeeper to beat but muffed his chance.

Just 60 seconds later, Lions were awarded a penalty at the other end as Sneddon brought Craig Low down and Jim Hermiston thumped home the equaliser with professional skill.

KB dropped their bundle and the Lions side, which included four 19-year-old Australian players, lifted their game, if not their class, to put pressure on the Raiders defence.

The closest Lions came again was when McNaughton hit the upright with a fine header in the 89th minute.

The 6,060 fans who braved the weather were left chewing their fingernails until referee Peter Rampley, who generally had a good game, blew the whistle for full-time.

In fact, his only blemish had been when he failed to award a penalty when a KB striker was blatantly held down while trying to head a ball in the box.

The revelation of the match was the composure of the revamped defence line for the home side who ably demonstrated what can be achieved both in the way of entertainment and pressure on the opposition by controlled passes along the ground from defence — even when in their own third of the park.

This must surely silence those who often voice the theory that Newcastle do not possess players of that calibre.

An interesting observation from Lions manager, Joe Gilroy, was that nowhere else in the world had he seen goals lift players like they do in Australia.

"The importance of scoring here is much more significant," he said. He also heaped praise on his players for their effort in coming back and felt the only thing he needed to teach his younger players was "composure and discipline."

NEWCASTLE: Dando, Reaney, Sneddon, Mason, Tredinnick, Channon, Sumner, Senkalski, Heys, Mountford, Storey.

BRISBANE: Lownds, Ontong, Niven, Bennett, Hermiston, Hogg, McLean (Ogden 54), Ferris, McNaughton, Low, Daunt.

REFEREE: Peter Rampley.

MARTIN COE WAS BRISBANE HERO

By Wally Bruce

Brisbane City goalkeeper Martin Coe, although born in Brisbane, spent the early part of his Philips League career in Sydney with St. George, and after this match, Sydney City probably wish he had stayed there!

The Gladiators' 2-0 win over the team which is being hailed as the 1981 title winner, was spiced with a fair sprinkling of good luck but also had a touch of character about it.

Brisbane City, defending into a stiff westerly, were down and almost out on many occasions in the first half: so much so that they had to wait 31 minutes before winning their first corner.

And the hero in those many moments of anguish was undoubtedly the spring-heeled Coe, who stood like a rock as the City defence wavered precariously in the swirling conditions.

His command of the penalty area and one gem of a save of a curling Joe Watson free-kick gave City the heart they needed for the second half.

For his trouble, Coe also came in for a bit of "treatment" from John Kosmina, who escaped any penalty for that, but finally became one of the five players booked for his second half late tackle on Jimmy Dunne.

Sydney City no doubt were unhappy with David Ratcliffe's foul on young Jim Patikas, which also earned a yellow card, and prevented the Youth team player from appearing for the second half.

Sydney City had no one to blame but themselves for not being in front at the break.

Apart from Coe's great work, players like Kenny Boden, Kosmina and Murray Barnes all missed chances they would normally put away.

Early in the second half, Sydney City again looked the goods.

Kevin Mullen made a great run but shot a fraction wide and Coe produced another brilliant save from a Kosmina header.

The Brisbane City midfield, sadly lacking in the first half, began to find its feet and the home side gradually dragged themselves back into the match.

The first goal came in the 65th minute, emanating from a free kick after Larry Gaffney had been dragged down on the right hand side of the box.

Frank Pimblett chipped into the goalmouth, Paul Wilkinso got a head to it and as the Slickers defence desperately tried to clear, Gaffney bobbed up to poke it over the line.

The Slickers chance of an immediate equaliser was lost when right-back Kevin Caldwell, playing in his 98th match, cleared a Boden shot off the line.

It was the second time during the match that the rugged Caldwell had been on the spot to back up his keeper.

In the 77th minute, the Gladiators grabbed the goal which clinched the match, and it ended a drought for the club's leading scorer, Paul Wilkinson.

Bobby Hamilton was tripped on the left of the box and another Pimblett free kick found its mark, this time the head of Wilkinson, who slipped in behind the defence to glance in off the upright.

A late appeal by Boden for a penalty after Caldwell had cleared went unheeded by referee Mee; it subsequently induced the usual claims of a visiting coach, this time Eddie Thomson, that the referee had cost them the game.

Not so. Sydney City lost this game themselves in the first half. Mr Mee was not allowed to stick the ball in the back of the net for them!

BRISBANE CITY: Coe, Caldwell, Dunne, Ratcliffe, W. Wilkinson, Gaffney, Pimblett, Hamilton, Palinkas, P. Wilkinson, McVeigh.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke, Mullen, Spanos, O'Connor, Bruce, Patikas (Cant 45th), Barnes, Souness (Murray 78th), Watson, Boden, Kosmina.

REFEREE: R. Mee.

WOLVES WERE SO CHARITABLE!

By Phil Murphy

Wollongong Wolves staged a charity day at Wollongong Showground on Sunday donating two points to Heidelberg with some slack defence.

The Melbourne team led 4-1 and only two goals in the last three minutes gave Wollongong a little credibility in a 4-3 defeat.

The scoreline of 4-1 would have been justice for the Wollongong team because they didn't turn it on as they did the previous week against Marconi.

They looked lethargic in all departments and coach Ken Morton has big problems unless he can shake his players into life.

He said he won't be making any panic changes and wants to get a settled team but it would not surprise to see two new faces in the side to play Footscray.

Heidelberg deserved their two points because they were more direct in everything they did.

They took their chances after an early setback and their back four of McMillan, Yankos, Provan and Yzendoorn looked far more organised than their Wollongong counterparts.

The Wollongong back four looked far too casual and Heidelberg deserve full marks for taking advantage of this.

Gary Cole was always ready to swoop on defensive mistakes and there were plenty of these: he was rewarded with two goals.

Jamie Paton grabbed another with Jim McCrory getting the fourth.

Wollongong's first goal was disputed by Heidelberg players as they claimed a goal kick had not left the box before John Lathan turned it into the net.

Heidelberg equalised before the interval through the ever-alert Cole, then turned on the heat early in the second half as Wollongong crumbled.

Many Wollongong supporters were probably driving home when Lee Adam and Jim McBreen scored in the last three minutes to make it all respectable.

Referee, Doug Rennie, had to be replaced with nine minutes to go, after pulling a muscle and linesman Barry Wilkinson, took over.

Heidelberg won the game because they adopted direct tactics while Wollongong "played around" in midfield, with no real method to their approach work.

Rooney and Jim Campbell played well in midfield for Heidelberg while the pick of an ordinary Wollongong side was Adam.

WOLLONGONG: Preston, Fleming, Dunleavy, Bertogna, Ainsworth, Tredinnick, McBreen, Adam, Lathan, Fontana (71 De Graaf). Campbell.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver, McMillan, Yankos, Yzendoorn, Provan, Rooney, Selemidis, Campbell, Paton, Cole, McCrory.

REFEREE: Doug Rennie (replaced after 81 minutes by Barry Wilkinson).

"MAN OF THE MATCH"

Man of the Match ratings in the ASW — MARCONI TRAVEL CONTEST will not be published this week due to the difficulty in getting on-the-spot reports from our correspondents at all matches.

Next week, assuming the Telecom strike is settled, ASW will publish ratings for two week's games.

SHARNE TAKEN OFF INJURED

By John Field

Peter Sharne, Marconi's dangerous winger, was assisted off the field 12 minutes before full-time in Sunday's Preston Rams v Marconi match at Connor Reserve.

This injury was serious enough to cause Sharne to pull out of tommorrow night's World Cup match against Taiwan at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide.

Sharne's problem was diagnosed as a twisted ankle and it appears the sort of injury which will take some time to clear up.

This is bad news for Socceroo caretaker-coach Les Scheinflug because, until his untimely injury, Sharne had provided some glimpses of a return to the good form which has deserted him for much of this season.

If Sharne was playing well, the same could not be said of his Marconi Socceroo team-mate Eddie Krncevic.

Big Eddie again failed to make any real impact on this match and it was no surprise when he was withdrawn during the second half.

Krncevic's loss of form is only one of many Marconi headaches which will have to be solved if this side, which looks so outstanding on paper, is to play any part in the destination of the Philips League championship.

Although the Rams are not rated one of the PSL's leading teams, they looked better than Marconi on Sunday.

They took control for much of the time, particularly in the second half, during which a shot by Peter Ollerton looked a goal all the way — but the ball hit Marconi's upright.

Marconi's defence, usually so dependable, was penetrated much too easily for comfort.

Fortunately for them, Allan Maher had an outstanding match in goal. It is no exaggeration to say that, but for Maher, Preston Rams would have collected a victory and the two points.

Tony Henderson was missing from the Marconi line-up as was Joe Picioane, both players being suspended. But a team with Marconi's traditionally strong playing squad ought to be able to overcome such problems.

Marconi's best scoring chance came after half an hour but it was due to a mix-up in the Preston defence. George McMillan, playing as sweeper, sent the ball across his own goalmouth as he and goalkeeper Lou Kastner both tried to prevent a centre from Stewart Johnson doing any damage.

Ollerton, a Marconi reject, seemed keen to point out to his former club that he is still one of the PSL's most dangerous strikers. A super Ollerton header on the hour brought a headline save out of goalkeeper Maher but Maher could thank good luck for the other Ollerton effort which hit the post a quarter of an hour later.

If Maher took most of the honours for the Fairfield side, Kastner was no less inspiring in the Rams goal. During the second half, Kastner did exceptionally well to save a free kick taken by Berti Mariani.

Former English professional Allan Whittle had probably his best outing since coming to Australia and had to be closely watched by the visitors' defence.

Gary Byrne had his usual solid consistent game in the Marconi midfield but, apart from Maher, few other Marconi men had much to cheer them on the flight home to Sydney.

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UNLUCKY OLYMPIANS SETTLE FOR A POINT

By Peter Georgiou

South Melbourne dropped yet another point at home on Sunday, but held the top position on the table through the defeat of Sydney City.

The 1-1 draw in the all-Greek derby between South Melbourne and Sydney Olympic may seem a fair result to a very exciting game, but the Olympians can rightly say they were unlucky.

In an action-packed game that was watched by over 9,000 spectators, Sydney Olympic, led by Peter Katholos, was in complete control throughout, but missed some so-simple chances, showing again their luck of experience up front.

South Melbourne was forced to make some changes in the squad, due to absence of Vince Bannon and Jim Shirra (suspensions) and that seemed to upset the co-ordination of the team and left Stevenson almost on his own to do the work in the centre.

Despite the pressure from Olympic, South Melbourne went ahead after 23 minutes. From a cross by Steve Wooddin the ball fell to Alun Evans who slammed it into the net.

That score did not hold the Olympians back and it took them exactly five minutes to equalise. Xanthopoulos, in an attempt to clear the ball, gave it to Peter Raskopoulos who sent a screamer from 25 metres into the net despite the dive by Laumets.

Coming back in the second half with the score level, Olympic launched an all-out attack, giving a display of magnificent Soccer. If Koussas had the experience in finishing two beautiful moves in the 56th and 59th, the score would've been 3-1 for the visitors.

South Melbourne, despite the loss of control in the midfield, weren't out of it.

Peter Wilson was forced to make some magnificent saves from shots by Wooddin and Cummings while Blair hit the post. Luck did not smile again for Olympic, when, in the 83rd minute, a shot by Ken Wilson hit the base of the post.

The scoreline certainly does not reflect the quality of the game, wich was the best seen at Middle Park this season. And of course it doesn't do justice to Sydney Olympic who were on top throughout the match.

After the game coach John Margaritis said that he was forced to make positional changes because of the absence of Vince Bannon and Shirra.

"We don't have another full-back like Bannon with the ability to attack, therefore I had to switch the players around," he said. "That broke the co-ordination of the team and we lost control in the centre."

Tommy Docherty said that his team was very unlucky to get only one point.

"I'm very pleased with the quality of the game. We have an excellent team even if we lack a bit of experience up front. We missed some very good chances, but that's Soccer," he said.

Souths' new star, New Zealand international, Steve Wooddin, showed a lot of talent: he will be the star at Middle Park after he settles in..

Best for South were Stevenson, Blair and Evans.

From the visitors, while everybody had a very good game, Katholos, Ziras, Rowden and Ken Wilson were outstanding.

This game must go down as the most entertaining we've seen for quite some time.

Referee: Don Campbell (excellent perfomance). Crowd: 9,000.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Blair, Davidson, Rogers, Xanthopoulos, Christopoulos, Stevenson, Evans, Cummings, Campbell(Buljevic 63), Wooddin.

OLYMPIANS: P.Wilson, Moulis, Palmer, Ziras, Rowden, Raskopoulos, Laing, K.Wilson, Katholos, Koussas(Scott 60), Jennings.

LEICHHARDT GOALS GRAB

By JOHN ECONOMOS

In one of the worst PSL matches I have seen since the inception of the League, Leichhardt defeated the visiting Footscray 2-0 at Lambert Park.

It was obvious from the start that the Victorians were going for a point as they concentrated on negative tactics throughout the match resulting in a very poor spectacle for the paying customer.

Leichhardt could have remedied this situation had Phil O'Connor not "bombed" a great chance just two minutes after kick-off, when he received a lovely ball in the six yard box from the right flank from Morsello; but O'Connor fired his shot from close-in straight at goalkeeper Denis Boland.

Had O'Connor scored, Footscray would have been forced to push up for the equaliser.

The first half ended with no goals on the scoreboard and only two shots in the entire 45 minutes, from Leichhardt's O'Connor and McAusland.

To add to the misery of the game, referee Alf Rodway issued four yellow cards for some crude tackles that have no place in Soccer.

One such yellow card recipient, Igor Hazabent of Footscray, in the first half, was once again a villain when in the 83rd minute he dropped young Marshall Soper and this time copped a red card.

In the 66th minute, Leichhardt was almost in when O'Connor set up Eddie Zaccomer on the back post with a perfect cross, but the young midfielder sliced his shot wide and the game just plodded on.

By now, the best player on the pitch, veteran sweeper Peter Wilson, had had enough, so when Leichhardt was awarded a free-kick in the 85th minute, taken by John Coyne on the right, big "Willie" came up and knocked in Leichhardt's first goal with a very well-judged diving header to break the goal drought.

No sooner had the game been restarted than Soper who had come on for Pirie 16 minutes earlier, broke away on his own down the left flank and polished off his long raid by putting away goal No 2 for Leichhardt. A great solo effort by the lad, four minutes from full-time.

After the match, Leichhardt's popular manager, Willie Wallace, said that he was happy to get both points, and was pleased with Peter Wilson, his "leader", plus John Coyne and Soper. He also went on to say Footscray made it very difficult to play open Soccer.

I finish without remarking on the whole game as a spectacle. I believe that players earn very good money from Soccer and they owe it to the customer to entertain. The football that was dished out at Lambert Park was dreadful. With Soccer clubs starving financially, and most crowds down from four years ago, it is the responsibility, not only of management and coaches, but players as well to see that they entertain the paying public.

In England, West Ham has always had the reputation of not playing for results, but pursuing open Soccer to please the grandstands. They are one of the only teams there with a constant strong following and are thus financially healthy even when down the ladder.

At the moment, only Sydney Olympic is turning in top entertaining stuff and their turnstile takings have more than trebled. Soccer is not only a sport but also a form of entertainment.

LEICHHARDT :— Woodhouse, Skellern, Pullen, Wilson, McAusland, Hughes (Coyne 35th min) Kafka, Zaccomer, Morsello, Pirie (Soper 70th) O'Connor.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, Hazabent, Kondarios, Kyriakouleas, Milne, Ilioski, O'Reilly, Jovanovic, Kakantonis, Licanin, Lujic.

Referee — Alf Rodway.

Jim Kondarios and Billy Pirie climb high at Lambert Park but the Footscray centre-half heads clear against Leichhardt

DRAMA AT THE OLYMPIC SPORTS FIELD

By Tom McKain

High drama is an often misused expression, but it was there last Sunday at Olympic Sports Field in Adelaide when the Giants pulled off a 1-0 win over Canberra Arrows with 30 seconds to spare.

The late goal was drama enough, but the real drama was cruel.

With seven minutes to play, Canberra's Duncan Cole charged into the Giants box with a goal at his feet.

Out came goalkeeper Peter Marshall, to dive and save — and be carried off with his left leg broken.

With Chris Manou having been replaced during the second half by Gary Marocchi, and Brian Northcote by Sergio Melta, Giants coach, Bob D'Ottavi, was left without a replacement keeper.

Left-back Bugsy Nyskohus put on the reserve goalkeeping shirt of Jack Przybylski, and survived the final Canberra onslaught which included a booking for John O'Shea who went in on Nyskohus.

Down to 10 men, Giants were no doubt content to fight for a draw, but that injury to Marshall appeared to spur them on, unintentional as it was, and in those last 30 seconds Charley Villani was brought down on the right wing.

Level with the penalty box, Gary Marocchi sent in a curving bell outwards and big stopper David Jones glanced it with his head for his first goal of the season.

While it was not a game of crashing tackles, referee, Rossis did book five Canberra players — Tony Brennan, Don McLaren, John O'Shea, Duncan Cole (not for the incident with Marshall) and Ian Purdie.

From the Giants side he yellow-carded Brian Northcote.

It was not a classic match but one must make allowance for the fact that there was tension from the kick-off.

Giants were fighting for a place in the top four — they hit third spot by the final whistle: while Canberra wanted to stay in the four, they dropped to fifth.

Giants, even at home, had the harder task as they had the postponed League match against Leichhardt in Sydney the next day.

After the 0-0 draw in Canberra, the second round of the season, perhaps the latest result was no surprise, but it is sad to see a goalkeeper out of the game becuase of his bravery.

GIANTS: Marshall (replaced in goal by B.Nyskohus 83), Russell, B.Nyskohus, Manou (Marocchi 55), Jones, Dods, Villani, Perin, Northcote (Melta 78), J.Nyskohus, Mitchell.

ARROWS: Hoszowski, M.O'Shea, Byrne, Stark, R.O'Shea, McLaren (Farrell 36), Cole, J.O'Shea, Purdie, Brennan, Gibson.

REFEREE: J.Rossis (SA).

DEMONS TRIUMPH OVER LISTLESS HAWKS

Blacktown City swempt away the memory of last week's 2-0 defeat at the hands of Footscray by mercilessly crushing a listles West Adelaide 4-1 at the Gabbie.

By Keith Gilmour

The win lifts the Demons three points clear of West Adelaide, who are now in dire distress in the relegation stakes.

To bolster their chances of rising further on the ladder, Blacktown have signed Kiwi international Brian Turner from Wollongong Wolves.

In addition, they will gain Branislav Krstic, a striker whom the clever John Djordjevic quoted as a "a ten percent more skilful player than I am."

Blacktown played extremely well, but it was a one-horse race after the first 15 minutes.

The Hawks had so little to offer that they did not manage one solitary shot on target over the entire game.

Blacktown goalkeeper Bruce James took a few back passes in the first half to keep his circulation flowing, but after the interval he had even less to do, were that possible.

Paul Burrows, the Demons' lively striker, was the man who set his team on the path to victory.

He landed the first goal with a slicing header in the 11th minute, and generally cut incisively into the Hawks' defence.

To pinpoint one player is, however, not meant to denigrate what was a team effort.

Right-back Wheatley was right on top, and in the second half, John Djordjevic broke out of his lethargic mood to score one and also play havoc in the middle as well as in West Adelaide's defensive zone.

Despite their dominance, it took the Demons until the 73rd minute to score their second goal, which was stabbed home by Djordjevic.

Peter Jones netted the third six minutes later. The cheeky Djordjevic patted down a bouncing ball with his rear end, developed an attack up the left, and finally Jones netted his first goal since joining the club.

With time running out, Cliff Pointer came in on a Brian O'Donnell left-wing corner and headed it past the hapless Martyn Crook.

There is little to be said about West Adelaide, who are left bemoaning the injuries to key players Con Kambas, Manecas and Shraga Topaz.

Coach Peter Jaksa tried Steve Atsalas for the ineffective Jimmy Wright and George Koulianos for Graham Norris, but to no avail.

Players such as Zoran Maricic, Vic Bozanic, Tom Forde, Ian McKie, and goalkeeper Martyn Crook did all they could, but the pressure on them was unbearable.

BLACKTOWN CITY: James, Wheatley, Rasmussen, Milovanovic, Pointer, Selvage, Djordjevic, Hormazabal, Jones, O'Donnell, Burrows.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook, McKie, Maracic, Forde, Bozanic, Boyle, Brown, McGregor, Wright (Atsalas 71m), Norris (Koulianos 46m), Honeyman.

REFEREE: K. Small.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

Philips Soccer League

BRISBANE LIONS V LEICHHARDT STRIKERS
DATE: Sunday, June 14. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Richlands.
OFFICIALS: Referee - J. Reeves. Linesmen - D. Klose, W. Turkington

BLACKTOWN DEMONS V NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS
DATE: Sunday, June 14. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Gabbie Stadium.
OFFICIALS: Referee - R. Lorenc. Linesmen - B. Wilkinson, T. Williams.

CANBERRA ARROWS V BRISBANE GLADIATORS
DATE: Sunday, June 14. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Bruce Stadium.
OFFICIALS: Referee - K. Allen. Linesmen - M. Welch, N. Murray.

MARCONI LEOPARDS V ADELAIDE GIANTS
DATE: Sunday, June 14. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Marconi Stadium.
OFFICIALS: Referee - T. Davies. Linesmen - K. Small, P. Hafey.

SYDNEY OLYMPIANS V PRESTON RAMS
DATE: Sunday, June 14. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Pratten Park.
OFFICIALS: Referee - A. Boskovic. Linesmen - A. Owens, M. Loupis.

HEIDELBERG WARRIORS V STH. MELB. GUNNERS
DATE: Sunday, June 14. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Olympic Park.
OFFICIALS: Referee - P. Rampley. Linesmen - M. Momont, M. Gaut.

FOOTSCRAY EAGLES V WOLLONGONG WOLVES
DATE: Sunday, June 14. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Schintler Reserve.
OFFICIALS: Referee - R. Kerr. Linesmen - N. Karlich, S. Zoumas.

ADELIADE HAWKS V SYDNEY SLICKERS
DATE: Sunday, June 14. KICK-OFF: 2.30 pm.
VENUE: Hindmarsh Stadium.
OFFICIALS: Referee - C. Bambridge. Linesmen - K. Stokes, P. Barbo.

Soccer Terms explained: No. 9

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NEXT WEEKEND'S PREVIEWS

BLACKTOWN V NEWCASTLE

By David Jack

Blacktown and Newcastle already seem destined to have a season they would rather forget but that doesn't mean this is a match spectators should ignore.

There is the big attraction of Mike Channon's appearance for the KB team and also much interest in how they perform in the wake of the turbulence which accompanied the loss of coach Alan Vest.

There is also the wish by Gabbie patrons to see another excellent performance from their Demons team which would rank with the vanquishing of Heidelberg.

That really was a vintage display from the Demons. Too bad it was followed by disappointing defeat in Melbourne at the hands of lowly-rated Footscray.

One thing is certain . . . if Blacktown are to escape from the horrors of relegation, they will have to keep winning their home matches. And this one does not look a huge hurdle.

Star guest import Channon, however, is capable of doing all sorts of things to lift KB's fortunes. He is undoubtedly a striker of class and will have to be watched closely by the Blacktown defence

What is more, the English international, unlike some other guest players who have been here, seems determined to give value for money. He is really hungry for success with his adopted team.

Obviously, the Newcastle assignment is no pushover for Rale Rasic's men. But Blacktown, on their own homely ground, are entitled to start the match as favourites.

If KB have a potential match-winner in the talented Mick Channon, let us not under-play the value of John Djordjevic to the Demons. On his day, this good Yugoslavian import can win a match in a couple of moves.

He may just do that next Sunday.

JOHN DJORDJEVIC

MARCONI V ADELAIDE CITY

By Keith Gilmour

Adelaide City has taken some "gigantic" strides over past weeks to reach a very creditable position on the ladder.

Certainly the Marconi Leopards cannot afford to be complacent, and in fact I am inclined to think of the outcome in terms of a draw or even a shock Adelaide City win if they are at full strength.

Their coach Bob D'Ottavi told me: "People were inclined to write us off when we started the season slowly.

"I was confident that we would start getting good results, because we played good football from the very beginning."

The Marconi Stadium crowd will be keen to see scoring sensation David Mitchell, and they would do well to sum up his attributes compared with their own crop of outstanding products.

Old favourite John Perin is putting all his skill into what is an excellent defence, and the game will also feature a great clash beween full-back Bobby Russell and Marconi's Peter Sharne.

The Giants lack for nothing in midfield. In fact Marconi will have to play with a lot of resolve to hold them.

Tony Henderson, Gary Byrne, Joe Picioane or Hossein Housseini have more than adequate skills and mobility, but will they show the purposefulness of Gary Marocchi, John Nyskohus, Sergio Melta and their other partner?

Marconi's defence will not reach its best until Paul Degney is back to top form — I fancy that he is still overcoming the effects of his cartilage operation.

Look for a top game, and don't be surprised if the visitors manage a win.

HEIDELBERG V SOUTH MELBOURNE

By Peter Georgiou

There is yet another Greek derby in Melbourne this Sunday, between the old rivals Heidelberg and South Melbourne, only this time it will be the top team playing one near the bottom, as against last year's top-of-the-table encounters.

But do not let that fool you because no matter what the position of Heidelberg today, when it comes to playing South Melbourne things miraculously improve in the team, simply because it is a matter of prestige between the two teams.

Prestige, however, isn't what Heidelberg are looking for at the moment. What they need is wins, points to get them out of the bottom, but their present form does not guarantee that.

Things are not looking good and their clash with the potential champions is not going to make them look any better unless some drastic measures are taken.

Already there is talk of a formation of an outside advisory commitee, led by former club president Jim Mangopoulos and former commitee man Alex Papazoglou, which will work together with president Arthur Loustas to get the team out of trouble . . . and their first piece of advice will be to get Len McKendry back at the helm.

South Melbourne is also finding things tough, but at the top. Having dropped some very valuable points in recent games, they are feeling very uncomfortable as the other contenders are now very close.

Souths will be fielding their new recruit, NZ international Steve Wooddin, who was rushed from Auckland last week to play against Sydney Olympians.

They needed a striker like Wooddin, but he will have to play a few games before he settles into his new team.

Despite all their problems Heidelberg will not be pushovers. As I've mentioned, it is a matter of prestige, and this clash is always a thriller.

I don't think Heidelberg will be able to stop South Melbourne. They will, however, put them under tremendous pressure on Sunday.

CANBERRA ARROWS V BRISBANE CITY

By Steve Burns

The top four aspirations of Canberra Arrows and rivals Brisbane Gladiators are likely to be affected dramatically by adverse results from Sunday's clash in Canberra.

For that reason alone the fixture looms as a titanic struggle.

Simply by being at home in front of an increasingly eager and supportive crowd, the Arrows must have the edge.

Again, however, much will depend on their strikers' ability to convert chances into goals.

Both the Gladiators and the Arrows are in-form teams, although both in recent weeks have suffered reversals.

But both are well tried squads with many long serving faithfuls.

Big Barry Kelso always has a robust game against Canberra, as does Frank Pimblett, Steve Perry (providing he's available), and Joe Palinkas.

But the busiest man could be agile goalkeeper Martin Coe — provided, that is, the Arrows produce the scintillating first home form that destroyed PSL leaders South Melbourne.

It was by far Canberra's best form for a considerable time. Again Terry Byrne looked magnificent, as did the recalled stalwart Roy Stark — and Canberra may once more be able to call on the services of Kiwi World Cup campaigners Richard Wilson and Duncan Cole.

Hail, rain or shine, a match not to be missed. It's one both sides need to win to keep their top four hopes alive.

FOOTSCRAY EAGLES V WOLLONGONG WOLVES

By Greg Blake

It's hard to fault a new PSL club that has managed to not only survive but actually keep pace with the top clubs.

Indeed Wollongong Wolves have hardly put a foot wrong in their inaugural Philips League season and at this time are still in the thick of the championship race and you can hardly expect more from them than that.

What can one say about a club like Footscray who have done little in their four years of PSL football other than survive, and worse still, seem content with it?

In 1981, things are no better or worse than any other year for the Eagles, containing and, sometimes, beating teams at home and generally getting thrashed away.

So there is no doubt the hard-working Wolves deserve to win their encounter with Footscray on Sunday if only to show the Eagles what they should be aiming at.

Unfortunately for the Wollongongs of this world, and fortunately for Footscray, the home team seem to have a decided advantage when playing on their Schintler Reserve ground. The windswept pitch itself is difficult enough for visitors in itself and if added to a mean,unrelenting defence like Footscray's I can see the Blues winning another point.

For a side who are generally humbled every second week (when they play away), Footscray have a remarkably good home record no doubt due to the form of Milne, Hazabent, Kondarios, Kyriakouleas, O'Reilly and the redoubtable Boland in goal.

Names like Kosmina, Boden, Mitchell and Buljevic have been hard pressed to make any impression on this dour lot and for the life of me I can't see the Wolves strikers doing much better — even if they deserve to.

Verdict: Another home point to Footscray, one which should keep them away from the relegation zone for another week.

ADELAIDE HAWKS V SYDNEY SLICKERS

By Tom McKain

After two games away from home Adelaide Hawks will be happy to play in their own nest on Sunday — but not against Sydney Slickers.

The Hawks badly need a good win in front of their own spectators, who have already got the relegation blues.

New coach Peter Jaksa — now with four games behind him — must be wondering what to do to lift his players.

His major worry is to get star winger Jimmy Wright fully fit, after aggravating a fractured toe.

Midfielder Shraga Topaz is also a shaky proposition with knee ligament problems.

Last time they met Hawks were beaten only 1-0 in Sydney, but since then the Slickers have got slicker while the Hawks at times have been reduced to a flutter.

On paper, Jaksa has the men to do the job, but with spectators on the players' backs, and the committee also under fire, morale is low.

And Slickers striker John Kosmina, playing against the club which put him on the transfer list, will show no mercy if he and Kenny Boden get into their stride.

Hawks lost 3-0 to Giants in their last home game, and it could be a repeat against Slickers if there is not a lift in form and morale.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC V PRESTON

By Alex Vesic

In their last couple of outings at Pratten Park, the youthful bunch of Sydney Olympians played their hearts out and created more then enough opportunities to post a cricket score on the board. But, alas, they huffed and they puffed, but also muffed enough to make thousands of Olympians supporters, let alone Tommy Docherty, cry.

"One of these days, someone will pay for this," uttered an unhappy Docherty after their defeat at the hands of Leichhardt.

Will Preston pay the bill?

After seeing Preston in action against Marconi and Sydney Slickers, I must say that the eager Olympians might have to wait for somebody else to take their ire out on. For this Preston outfit has a fairly solid defence, despite its poor away record, and can also surprise through its enterprising forwards, particulary Brown and Cullen.

The most decisive factor in this match will be the midfield, and that is the department where Olympians should win. Katholos, Raskopoulos and Cross should have too many guns for the sometimes over-enthusiastic but less creative Preston's midfield.

Laing against Petrovski and Cotton against Rainey should be the highlight of the afternoon tussles, while Ziras and Rowden should be very watchful of Brown, Whittle and Cullen. Whittle, the ex-Everton man, can quickly size an opportunity for Cullen and Brown to exploit the situations.

On this occasion I'll do a Nostradamus and predict a 3-1 win to Sydney Olympians.

DEREK LAING

BRIS. LIONS V LEICHHARDT

By Wally Bruce

Can Brisbane Lions maintain their new-found zest at home when they play Leichhardt at Richlands on Sunday without star English forward, Bob Latchford?

The Lions have played two PSL matches at home since Bob Latchford's arrival for comfortable 4-0 and 3-1 victories over Footscray and West Adelaide respectively.

But now they have lost Latchford through injury, and it will be interesting to see how they go on Sunday.

It must be remembered that the two sides they so decisively beat were tailenders and the Strikers naturally will bring things back a little into perspective.

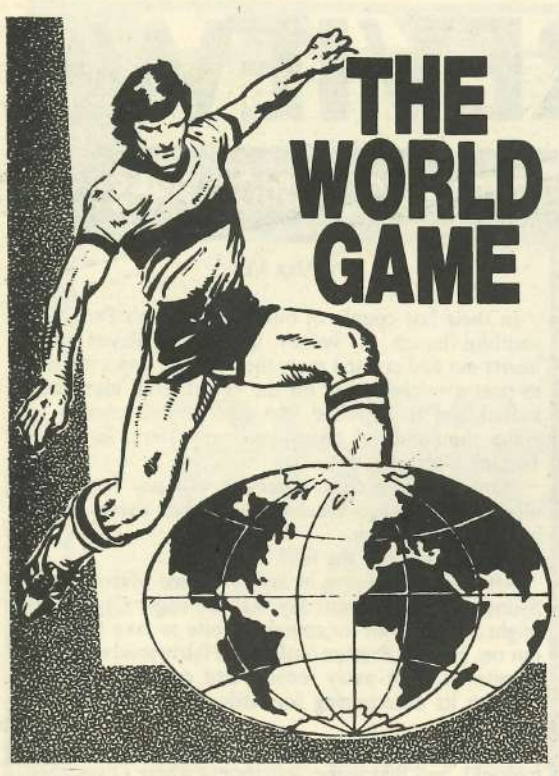
But Willie Wallace's team will want to show more than it did recently in Brisbane, when it had only one shot at goal during the 90 minutes it hung on for a scoreless draw against Brisbane Gladiators.

Admittedly the Strikers had injury problems that day and also lost Peter Wilson's partner Mark Pullen in the first few minutes, which forced Alan Hughes from midfield back into defence.

The Strikers' youngsters, including Frank Casacchia and Tony Morsello, are improving each week, but it is players like Greg Woodhouse, Wilson, Zdenko Kafka and Phil O'Connor who will cause most trouble for the home team.

Lions have a fairly settled team and in midfield will probably use Jim McLean, Bobby Ferris and Mark McNaughton, with Steve Hogg possibly having a battle to make the side.

Up front, the diminutive Craig Low really sparkled alongside Latchford, while the left wing berth could well go to the tall Calvin Daunt, who has returned from his stint with Ipswich United.



BORIS — WE FOOLED YOU

Tiny Wales look like making next year's World Cup Finals in Spain . . . possibly at the expense of mighty Russia.

Before the recent Wales v Russia Cup qualifying match in Wrexham, the London newspaper "Sunday People" published a light-hearted look at Welsh World Cup strength.

This is the article by Brian Madley:

The spy-master of Russian football is not happy. He sent out his KGB agents — Karl, Gregorio and Boris — to check out a little country called Wales before they meet in the World Cup next Saturday.

"They've only about 30 players in the whole League. You will have no problems, comrades," he told them.

He was happy at first with their reports, Karl said: "I watch the Crystal Palace all season. I tell you, master, it's unbelievable.

"The one they call Walsh, the top Welsh striker. He scores only five goals — that's one more than they have managers.

"Also in Palace they have Nicholas, no relation to our capitalist Czar. Then they sell him to Arsenal but every time I watch he is booked.

"The Welsh hatchet man. I think.

"They have another called Boyle who plays for Wales sometimes. But even Palace, who won only six matches all season, do not think he is worth a place most times. I see no problems there, master."

Gregoria had been watching the Welsh defence. He was not ecstatic.

"All I see is Second Division in places like Wrexham, Luton and Swansea. I preferred it in Siberia.

"At Wrexham, I watch the big goalkeeper Davies and the full-back Jones. Or was it the other way round?

"At Swansea they have Leighton Phillips, their most experienced player with 54 caps. Halfway through the season he disappear.

"Then I discover he is for sale for £25,000. I tell you, master, in Britain these days you can hardly buy vodka for that.

"They also have Leighton James — maybe he is relation — but he is clever winger. We must kick him early. Otherwise no problems."

Boris was on the Northern circuit. He slipped in via submarine at Liverpool.

'SLEEPER'

"I go to watch Everton full-back Ratcliffe. Just a boy.

"In Leeds I see Brian Flynn — but only through binoculars. He is so small, knee-high to a grasscropper. I think they say.

"And Mickey Thomas of Manchester United is not much bigger. Our gallant boys will tread them into the soil.

"They also have winger Carl Harris at Leeds. But with name like Carl, he may be one of our sleepers. I see no trouble."

That only leaves Terry Yorath. The KGB reported that he had defected to the capitalistic pigs in America and gone soft.

The spy-master was happy then. He reported to the Kremlin that Wales would be no problem at Wrexham next Saturday — they could not stop the Motherland qualifying for the World Cup finals.

But when the Russian team arrived last week they discovered that the spy-master's report was a load of old roubles.

They had to send back a new report pointing out that Wales have won all four of their World Cup games so far, scored 10 goals and conceded non[illegible] said: "We s[illegible] them murder the mad ones they call Scots. And the man who can't score goals, Walsh, got two.

"The man in charge is called England — I think they try to confuse us, but he played for Wales in 1965 when they beat us 2-1 in the World Cup.

So the spy-master is not happy now.

He didn't know that when the hotch-potch Welsh team pull on red jerseys they no longer play like Crystal Palace failures, Swansea throwouts or Wrexham race horses.

BEST

They are the best organised side in Britain, they run for ever and they know that victory over Russia next week will enable them to start booking hotels in Spain.

Of course, if Wales makes one slip at Wrexham and fail to get both points it will allow the Russians to get together with Czechslovakia and carve up the group the way they want it.

It now seems certain that the main contender will take full points from Turkey and Iceland. The team that slips at home will not go to Spain.

The spy-master's life is hanging by a thread. Wales can cut it with one stroke from the boot of Walsh, James, Harris or any other old Davies or Jones.

TO PLAY

Sept. 2, Iceland v Turkey. Sept. 23. Russia v Turkey; Iceland v Czech. Oct. 7, Turkey v Russia, Oct. 14. Wales v Iceland. Oct. 28. Russia v Czech. Nov. 28, Russia v Wales, Nov. 30, Czech, v Russia.

PAUL BREITNER

BREITNER BOUNCES BACK

Bayern Munich's Paul Breitner played a big part in West Germany's World Cup elimination match against Austria in Hamburg.

Breitner, as famous for his political opinions as for his football ability, had not represented his country since 1975. Some blame that on friction between the player and former national coach Helmut Schoen.

Now, with Jupp Derwall in charge, Breitner is back. At 29, he could still be a big asset to West Germany, either in midfield or at full-back.

GOOD FOOTBALL – BAD CROWD

It is generally agreed that Dinamo Tbilisi, the Soviet winners of this year's European Cup Winners Cup, are one of the most accomplished and attractive sides in Europe.

They completely shattered West Ham United in London in an early round of the competition and were rated as "Soccer supermen" by West Ham officials and fans.

What a tragedy, then, that hardly anybody bothered to watch Tbilisi win the Cup Winners Final against Carl Zeiss Jena at Dusseldorf.

The crowd was officially 9,000 but people at the match — won 2-1 by the Russians — estimated there were no more than 5,000 paying customers.

The ground has a capacity of nearly 70,000.

Of course, there were very good reasons for such a sparse attendance.

Supporters of teams in Russia and East Germany are not exactly free to move abroad!

Following the small turn-out for such an important game, it is now being suggested that, like the UEFA Cup Final, this Cup Winners Cup should have a two-legged Final.

Only the top European tournament — the Champions Cup — is capable of filling a big ground in a neutral country.

MARADONA TOPS THE CASH REGISTER LIST

As pay for top players continues to rise, the monthly magazine "World Soccer" lists the leading 10 money-makers in the world.

Half of the players are from West Germany, a fair indication of the excellent playing standards in that country.

The actual figures here are in sterling but, you won't be far out if you multiply by two for Australian dollars:

THE TOP TEN BIG-MONEY MEN

Name	*Club*	*Annual pay*
DIEGO MARADONA	Boca Juniors	£660,000
BERND SCHUSTER	FC Barcelona	£230,000
RUDI KROL	Napoll	£240,000*
Franz Beckenbauer	Hamburger SV	£235,000
Karl-Heinz Rummenigge	Bayern Munich	£175,000
Allan Simonsen	FC Barcelona	£175,000
Uli Stielke	Real Madrid	£170,000
Mario Kempes	River Plate	£160,000
Laurie Cunningham	Real Madrid	£145,000
Manfred Kaltz	Hamburger SV	£140,000

*Includes housing expenses

In the same magazine, there is a list of the salaries being paid to team managers. As you will see, the boss is not nearly so well off as the players!

TOP-PAID COACHES/MANAGERS

Name	*Club*	*Annual basic*
NILS LIEDHOLM	AS Roma	£70,000
UDO LATTEK	Borussia Dortmund	£60,000
HELENIO HERRERA	FC Barcelona	£55,000
Ilarlo Castagner	Lazio Rome	£54,000
Vujadin Boskov	Real Madrid	£54,000
Brian Clough	Nottm Forest	£50,000
Bob Paisley	Liverpool	£50,000
Rinus Michels	Koln	£50,000
Rino Marchesi	Napoli	£50,000
Robert Herbin	Saint-Etienne	£45,000

EUROPEAN SOCCER . . . RESULTS . . .

WEST GERMANY

M'gladbach - B. Munich	1-4
Eerdingen - Karlsruhe	0-3
Bochum - Stuttgart	1-1
Duisburg - Leverkusen	2-4
1860 Munich - Hamburg	0-0
Ein Frank - Daortmund	0-4
K'lautern - Schalke	2-0
Nuremberg - Bielefeld	2-0
Cologne - Duesseldorf	1-2

Bayern Munich won the Title.

EAST GERMANY

Lilimotive Leipzig beat Vorwaerts Frankfurt - Oder 4-1 to win the East German Cup and qualify for the European Cup Winners' Cup.

Leipzig scored four times after being 1-0 down at half time.

HOLLAND

Sp Rot - E. Rot	5-2
Groningen - PSV	2-0
The Hag - NAC Breda	1-2
AZ'67 - Wageningen	1-0
Pec Zwolle - Roda JC	3-0
Nec - Go Ahead	2-3
Ajax - Utrecht	1-0
MVV - Willem II	2-2
Twente - Feyen	3-7

SPAIN

Spanish Cup first let semi-finals.

Sporting - Sevilla	2-0
Barcelona - Bilbao	2-0

Standard Liege won the Belgian Cup with a 4-0 win over Lokeren.

Scorers: Edstroem, Daerden, Tahama (penalty), Onal.

GREECE

P'naikos - P'onios	1-0
Apollon- O'piakos	0-0
Atromitos - Paok	0-2
Yannina - Korinthos	0-1
P'raikos - Kavala	1-0
Kastoria - Ofi	2-0
Doxa - P'chaiki	1-2
Aris - Three Larisa	3-4
Ethnikos - Aek	0-2

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O'piakos	19	9	5	44	17	47
Aek	17	10	6	62	39	
Aris	16	11	6	57	32	43
Paok	15	11	7	49	28	41
P'naikos	12	13	8	39	20	37

Olympians won the Championship

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL at Toulon (France):

Sov Un - Port	4-1
Brazil - Italy	2-0
Colombia - Spain	0-0
Czech - France	1-0

AUSTRIA:

Austria-Wien - Rapid	0-0
St-Graz - Wien S	7-0
Admira - Eisen	3-2
Vo-Linz - Gra AK	5-2
Saiz La - Lask	1-0

PORTUGAL

Cup Final:

Benfica - FC Porto	3-1

SOVIET UNION

Pak Tash - Nef Baku	3-0
Kai Alma-Ata - Army S/C	1-0
Dyn Tbil -Cen Army	2-1
Ararat Yer - Tor Mos	3-2
Zenit Len - Dy Kiev	1-3
Dyn Minski- Cher Od	1-1
Mos Dyn - Shak Don	1-1
Spar Mos - Dn Denep	3-1

INTER INTO FINAL

Inter Milan giving away only one penalty goal, beat Everton 4-1 in Nagoya to enter tomorrow's final in Tokyo of the Japan Cup series.

The Italian teram will meet the winners of the other semi-final between the club Brugge of Belgium and All Japan.

Making his debut in the series, Alessandro Altobelli, a member of Italy's national team, scored the only goal in the first half.

Herbert Prohaska headed goal in the 49th minute and Altogelli sealed the game with his second in the 60th minute.

Everton scored a late goal through a penalty by Trevor Ross.

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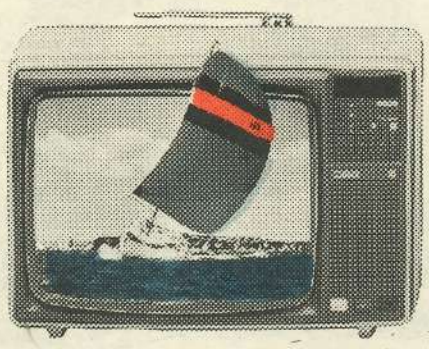

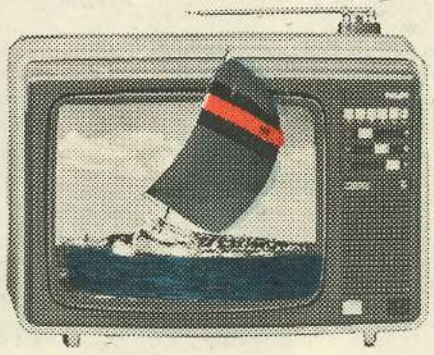

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QUEENS PARK PROMOTE THEIR JUNIORS

Queens Park is one of the clubs in Sydney's Southern and Eastern Soccer Association that has progressed both in senior and junior ranks.

The club started out modestly enough with three junior teams in the 1968 season, with John Eve as registrar.

That year John became president, and he has been at the helm ever since.

The club juniors grew to four and then six teams, and today 16 teams enjoy their Soccer.

Two all-age teams were formed in 1969. They won their competition, and by this year they have risen to NSW Federation Second Division status.

In 1980 the club — officially Queens Park Eastern Suburbs Soccer Club — won U7B, U9A, U9B, U12B and U15 grades.

The latter team won through to the semi-finals of the NSW Champion of Champions competition.

What pleases secretary Mrs B. Erickson particularly is the number of club juniors who have earnt their places in the senior teams.

Playing in the top teams are John Eve Jun., John Dugonics and John Erickson.

And in third grade this year are Keith Eve, Nuno de Sousa and Anthony Porthouse.

MALVERN CITY VISITS THE SAINTS CAMP

The May school holidays St George Soccer Camp attracted a group from Malvern City Junior Soccer Club in Melbourne.

Club manager Jim Karakostas was highly impressed by the organisation and standard of coaching.

He has recommended to his club that more boys sent to future camps.

He is also confident that some of his club coaches will make the trip to learn the latest available coaching methods.

The May camp proved so successful that the August camp has closed off with 100 bookings.

St George Director of Coaching Richard Alagich said: "Most of the lads came from the St George district, and are in the U12/14 age brackets.

"Quite a number of prospects were found for future St George teams, and we will be keeping a close eye on these boys.

"Some will be invited along to the senior club's training so that they can learn more quickly and absorb the atmosphere."

KEITH GILMOUR ON

JUNIOR SOCCER

S.A. YOUTHS MAKE THE GRADE

By Tom McKain

The triumphant S.A. State Youth team, winners of the national Under 18 title recently, were special guests at the Hawks-Giants Derby match the other week, and it turned out an ideal lesson for the youngsters.

Apart from the class of the Soccer, particularly from Giants, the match was played in tremendous spirit, despite the rivalry between the clubs, and there was a perfect illustration of what dedication can achieve.

The Youth lads saw that you don't have to be an overseas import to get a game, and a chance to make your name.

Giants striker David Mitchell has become a Youth Socceroo and is one of the most feared forwards in the PSL — and he's only 18.

Chris Manou, another 18-year-old Giant, went into the team at the last minute, and starred in midfield.

Jarring

On the bench was one of their own squad, 16-year-old Peter Rankin.

And in the Hawks line-up was Ian McKie, another Youth Socceroo who is a PSL regular.

The one jarring thought, however, is: would all these young players have been at the game — apart from those who are in the Hawks and Giants clubs — if they hadn't been invited?

So many youngsters in State League clubs see only Saturday matches, which is sad.

It might be worth the two PSL clubs' while to make all the lads honorary members, with a free spot on the terraces for them on Sunday.

NEPEAN CELEBRATES U12 VICTORY

NEPEAN claim to be the best under 12 Soccer team in Australia.

It gained this status by winning the under 12 challenge tournament at Punchbowl, contested by teams from various States.

Playing nine games over the weekend, Nepean won all, beating Canterbury 2-1 in the final.

Coach Brian Whant was full of praise for his squad, saying all of them gave more than 100 per cent in each game and were a credit to the district.

State officials told Mr Whant he could be proud of his squad, both for their football and their conduct on the field.

The following boys were in the squad of 16: Ian Raffen, Paul Hayward, Peter Bennett, Philip Cook, Paul Graham, Jason Whant, Daren Pratt, Chris Ackerly, Troy Le Grande, Scott Ashton, David O'May, Grant McArdle, Gary Applebee, Brett Budwee, Ian McClaron, David Goodrick.

Goalscorers were Troy Le Grande 3, Scott Ashton 4, David O'May, Grant McArdle 6, Chris Ackerly, Gary Applebee 6, Brett Budwee 4, Darren Pratt 2 and Ian McLarnon.

Nepean scored 28 goals for five against.

Back row (L to R): Vince Colagiuri (St. George youth team), Richard Alagich, Nick Papas (St. George youth team), Frank Arok, Andrew Koczka (St. George youth team), Ernie Campbell, Michael Triantafillidis (President Malvern City Junior Soccer Club).
Front row: Peter Karakostas, Greg Balderanos, Isaak Triantafillidis, Peter Triantos, Con Triantafillidis (Malvern City).
Absent: Mike Fraser (goalkeeper coach) and Jim Karakostas (manager of Malvern City Junior Soccer Club)

YOUTH LEAGUE

U16: Gladesville 6 Baulkham Hills 0; Southern & Eastern 4 Bankstown 0; St George 2 Melita 2; Blacktown City 2 Sydney Olympic 0; Illawarra 1 Polonia 0; Blacktown Assn 4 Nepean 1; Riverwood 2 Southern Districts 2; Ku-ring-gai 2 Manly 1; Canterbury 8 Central Coast 0; Sutherland 2 Marconi ; Leichhardt 5 Croatia 0.

U15: Baulkham Hills 4 Gladesville 2; Bankstown 3 Southern & Eastern 1; St George 5 Melita 1; Blacktown City 10 Sydney Olympic 0; Illawarra 2 Polonia 0; Nepean 2 Blacktown Assn 0; Kur-ing-gai 2 Manly 0; Riverwood 1 Southern Districts 0; Canterbury Central Coast 0; Sutherland 2 Marconi 2; Leichhardt 5 Croatia 1.

U14: Gladesville 2 Baulkham Hills 0; Bankstown 4 Southern & Eastern 0; St George 4 Melita 0; Sydney Olympic 5 Blacktown City 0; Illawarra 3 Polonia 1; Nepean Blacktown Assn ; Southern Districts 1 Riverwood 0; Manly 2 Ku-ring-gai 2; Canterbury 3 Central Coast 0; Marconi 3 Sutherland 0; Leichhardt 2 Croatia 0.

ROUND 15 (Sat, June 13):

GROUP 1

Gladesville/Hornsby v Sydney Olympic	Pratten Park
Bankstown v Polonia	Chopin Park
St George v Illawarra	Peakhurst
Blacktown City v Leichhardt	Lambert Park
Croatia v Melita	St Johns
Sthn & East v Baulkham Hills	Ted Horwood

GROUP 2

Nepean v Canterbury	Cook Park
Riverwood v Sutherland	Bates Drive
Kuringai v Marconi	Marconi Oval
Avala v Manly	Cromer Park
Sthn Districts v Blacktown Assoc	Ernie Smith
Central Coast - bye	

NSW METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Round 7 (Sun, June 14):

Canterbury v Blacktown	Punchbowl
St George v Central Coast	Gavenlock
Illawarra v Kuringai	Asquith
Manly v Gladesville	Pioneer
Nepean v Sutherland	Bates Drive
Sthn & East v Bankstown	George Green
Granville - bye	

Round 8 (Sun, June 21st):

Sutherland v Manly	Wyatt
St George v Nepean	Cook Park
Granville v Canterbury	Punchbowl
Central v Coast v Blacktown	Laybutt
Kuringai v Sthn & East	Asquith
Bankstown - bye	

PARKLEA GOES AHEAD

Parklea Soccer complex, the brainchild of NSW Soccer Federation executive member and treasurer Charles Valentine, is moving ahead.

On 65 acres, there will be the administration building, which should be ready in July.

There will be 10 playing fields which will be available for competition games, representative games, State teams training both seniors and juniors, coaching courses for coaches, and live in coaching clinics for players.

The NSW FSC has spent $328,000 on buying the grounds and the State Government has contributed $215,000.

The Federation hopes to get support from all amateur players by way of a levy of $1 a player.

This is a matter to be discussed by all associations before a vote is taken at the next annual meeting of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

OVER 35s GO NATIONAL

Teams comprising players over 35 years of age are invited to enter this year's championships, to be played in August.

Entries should be sent to Mr T.Sal, 11 Fairmont St, St Albans, Vic, 3021.

Holding the title at present are the Melbourne Old Boys, which comprises former players of Melbourne Hungaria Soccer Club.

Parramatta City stages Under 16 knock-out

Parramatta City's Under 16 KO opens on Wednesday June 17 with three floodlit games at Garside Park.

The opening matches are: 6.15 pm Marconi v Seven Hills; 7.30 pm Pendle Hill v Sylvania; 8.30 pm Sutherland v Marconi Red Devils.

Sixteen other clubs have entered teams in what promises to be a great competition.

They are Leichhardt, Real Puma, Illawarra, Penshurst West, Sydney Olympic, Blacktown Assn, Blacktown City, Merrylands RSL, Gladesville, Melita, Concord Juniors, Wilhelmina, Polonia, Canterbury, Avala and Riverwood.

Tony Del Gigante says

GRIFFITH SENIORS BOOST JUNIORS

Soccer in the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area will eventually have three senior levels.

This is the view of Griffth Soccer Association president, Tony Del Gigante.

He told us: "The entry of Yoogali and Hanwood, our two most ambitious clubs, into the NSW Southern League has given them the challenge they are looking for.

"Distance has not been the barrier for the clubs, it is just a case of their adjusting to the better standard of football.

"Players have to train harder and face better opponents.

New League

"The clubs have not done so well at the start, but already better results are being obtained.

"I am sure that they will improve from there."

At the second level he sees a new league being formed to cover clubs from Griffith, Leeton, Wagga, Narrandera, Temora and Junee.

"The distance to Hay might be a problem for teams from Wagga, but this is one for the future." he said.

And there will be always Soccer competitions for the next grade of player, the one who wants to play merely for recreation and enjoyment.

Grifftith runs 60 teams, an excellent tally for such a town, and Tony Del Gigante says that Soccer acceptance is widespread in the community at large as well as the big Italian descent population.

Parents have recognised Soccer as a sport with both vigour and skill and without excessive injury potential, and their offsprings have swung across the code.

Pride

Recently former Socceroo Ray Richards was involved in a coaching school at Griffith, and he is in no doubt that more really good players will be produced there, just as Canberra Arrows' Walter Valeri was once a local boy.

Tony Del Gigante points with pride to the Griffith U12 representative team, which can compete with the best in Sydney.

The boys also play inter-association matches against Wagga, Riverina and South West Slopes and join in the NSW Country Championships.

"One of the biggest improvements in Soccer here is coming from Leeton," Tony reports.

"They have a few teams in our association, but they also run their own competitions as well.

"There is 36 miles between the town, and as their standard improves their best teams will have to play ours more regularly in competitions.

"This will bring another rise in standard for our junior players," he added.

INNOVATIVE WESTERN NSW

As well as running the Western NSW Championships for Association representative teams, the Western Branch conducted their own "Champion of Champions" series.

This was for top club teams in the various age groups. 1980 was the second year for the series, and here are the winners and runners-up:

Under 8 — Bathurst Pandas Winners
Under 9 — South Dubbo Wanderers Winners
Orange — Runners-Up
Under 10 — Bathurst Police Boys Club Winners
North Dubbo — Runners-Up
Under 11 — Bathurst City Red Tops Winners
Under 12 — Bloomfield Wests Winners
Lithgow St Patricks — Runners-Up
Under 13 — Orange Winners
Bathurst R.S.L. — Runners-Up
Under 14 — Dubbo Newtown Demonds Winners
Orange — Runners-Up
All Age — Bathurst City Red Tops Winners

The holders of the titles as Western Branch champions and the runners-up for the inter-association series are:

Under 8 — Dubbo Winners
Forbes — Runners-Up
Under 9 — Dubbo Winners
Bathurst — Runners-Up
Under 10 — Orange Winners
Bathurst — Runners-Up
Under 11 — Bathurst Winners
Orange — Runners-Up
Under 12 — Orange Winners
Bathurst — Runners-Up
Under 13 — Orange Winners
Bathurst — Runners-Up
Under 14 — Bathurst Winners
Dubbo — Runners-Up
Under 15 — Dubbo Winners
Lithgow — Runners-Up
Under 16 — Lithgow Winners
Dubbo — Runners-Up

JIM HERMISTON'S COACHING HINTS

Jim Hermiston, one of Australia's outstanding Soccer players, has supplied AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY with a series of illustrated coaching hints.

Hermiston plays with Brisbane Lions in the Philips League but before migrating to Australia, he was a distinguished player in his native Scotland.

He was included in Scotland's original squad for the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany and was unlucky not to be in the final 22 which travelled to Germany.

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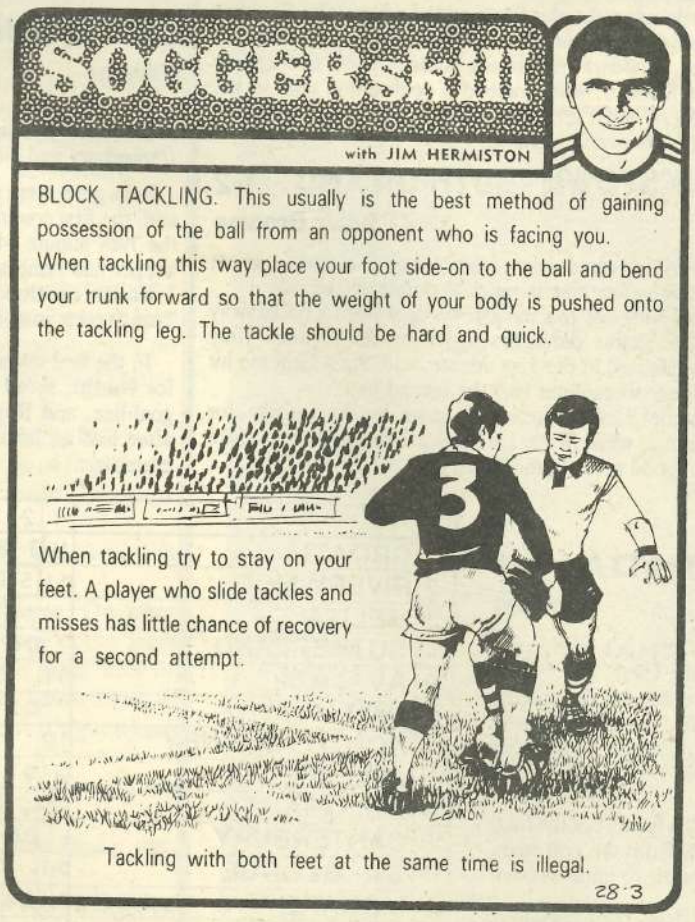

SHOULDER PENS IN 42 NAMES

By Steve Burns

The nucleus of Australia's 1983 World Youth Cup squad has already been supplied to the Australian Soccer Federation.

It has come from former national team coach and current Australian Institute of Sport's Soccer director, Mr Jimmy Shoulder — at the ASF's request.

Hopefully, planning will now proceed equally as well in advance.

Shoulder selected the large squad — 42 strong — at the conclusion of the recent Australian Under 18 titles in Canberra.

It can be pruned — but Jimmy stressed that all, by birthdates, were eligible to play in the 1983 World Youth Cup.

He selected numerous alternatives in all positions.

The full squad given to the ASF is:

Goalkeepers: Ross Barbera (Qld), Anthony Franken (WA), Robert Kettensteiner (Vic.), David Miller (SA) and Aniello Veneri (NSW).

Full-backs: Mike Barnett (SA), Roy Jones (WA), Paul deMarigny (NSW), Darryl Pankhurst (SA), Carl Simich (WA), Paul Turner (WA)

Central Defenders: Peter Connell (WA), Leon Darko (Tas), Frank Farone (WA), George Fernandez (NSW), Alan Hunter (Qld), John Kowton (Qld), Andrew Young (ACT).

Midfielders: Vlado Boszinovski (Vic), Andrew Chapman (Qld), Stan Dukic (ACT), Lucki Fabrizio (Tas) Piero Fragomeli (SA) Raymond Junna (Qld), Tom McCulloch (NSW), Robbie McLachlan (Vic), Allan Miller (SA), Jim Patikas (NSW), Marsello Salvo (Vic), Warren Shipley (Northern NSW), Russell Stewart (Qld), Brian Sweeney (WA).

Forwards: Rodney Brown (NSW), Bruno Cozzella (Vic), Brett Druery (Qld), Ian Fergusson (Northern NSW), Graeme Fletcher (NSW), Fabian Incantalupo (Vic), Michael McLaughlin (NSW), Peter Rankin (SA), Danny Wright (Qld).

Apparently the idea is to initially work with this squad, well in advance of the next World Youth Cup, so that the culling to more acceptable numbers is made early.

Then the hard, solid preparation can begin in earnest.

CHULLORA AGAIN CHASES RESULTS

Bankstown Association club Chullora Wolves is again hungry for good results.

Here is a note of the record from last season that they are trying to emulate over the various grades:

Minor Premiers: 9/2, 10/1, 10/3.

Semi-Finalists: 6/1, 7/4, 8/1, 9/2, 9/3, 9/4, 10/1,10/3, 11/2, 11/3, 12/3, 13/2, 13/3, 18/1, All Age 4, Premier League Grade 1, Federation Div. 6. Grade 1. and Girls U/14 team.

Finalists: 6/1, 8/1, 9/2, 10/1, 10/3, 11/2, 13/2, A/A.4, Premier 1, Federation 1, Girls U/14 team.

Runners Up: 6/1, 8/1, Premier 1, AA/4, Federation 1, Girls U/14.

Premiers: 9/2, 10/1, 10/3.

Presidents Cup Winners: 8/1, 9/6, 10/1, 10/3, Premier 1.

Association Cup Winners: 9/6, 10/4.

Their achievements over the various knock-out competitions they entered were:

Padstow K.O. — 10/3 Runners up: Soccerama U/6 K.O. — 6/1 winners: Fireworks Night K.O. 6/1 winners: McGaughen Trophy — 10/1 Runners Up: Central Coast K.O. — 10/1 Winners: Robertson Cup Premier U/21 semi-finalist: Birrong Gala Day — 9/2 Runners Up: Champion of Champions — 10/1 Runners Up.

Special award went to:

Team of the Year — 10/1; Coach of the Year — Robert Wozniak 10/1: Manager of the Year — Ian Broughton 9/2: Sportsmanship Award — 8/3: Club Goal Average — 6-1.

During the year the Chullora Wolves Soccer Club held many successful functions including: Ken Sams Toyota Soccerama Day; Annual Fireworks Night; annual Ball; Annual Picnic; Managers and Coaches Night; Various Social Nights and fund raising B.B.Q's etc.

Many of the club's teams were fortunate to be able to go on various trips during the year including — Griffith (U/12 team), Coffs Harbour (9/2, 9/3-4, 10/1, 10/3-4, 11/2-3, 13/1-2 and U/14 Teams) and Griffith for a Champion of Champions Game (10/1).

These trips away were very well received by boys and adults alike and to many it was a perfect way to cap off an enjoyable season.

The year 1980 saw the first of the now famous Chullora Wolves Soccer Club Journals.

This year a half yearly and yearly journal are again being produced, with the advertisments paying all the costs.

2SM CUP

Englefield Stadium Dural, which has proved a popular venue for Tasman Cup and Northern Districts Cup finals, will stage the semi-finals and the final of the 2SM Cup.

The knockout competition features U15 teams from 64 high schools and colleges in the Sydney area.

The semi-finals have been set down for Wednesday, August 5, with August 12 as back-up date if there is a weather problem.

Similarly the final is for August 19, with the following Wednesday night in reverse.

These matches will be played under floodlights.

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SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

DEZ MARTON IS MAGIC!

ST GEORGE - MANLY 3-0

Marton 2, Stone

By Brad Earl

"I don't know where St George would be without Dez Marton." "Dez Marton is unbelievable."

Those were the views of the two coaches in the NSW State League St George-Manly match.

The first was from Manly's Mick Jones, the latter from Frank Arok, coach of St George.

Dez Marton made a match-winning 15-minute appearance in the second half for the Saints, scoring two goals to take his tally to an astonishing 21 from 14 matches for the season (one and a half goals a game!)

Four weeks ago against Riverwood, he broke a bone in his right foot. A week later, he came on as sub and scored against Melita. He got another as sub in the next game against Avala. This week he went one better.

The score was 0-0 at half-time against Manly, and the Saints, playing with only one recognised striker in Ernie Campbell, were failing to break through a workmanlike Manly defence.

They could have been at least two goals ahead, but on the other hand, Manly missed a golden chance in the eighth minute when Bob Geoghegan crossed along the face of the goal, but at the wrong height for David Jack to connect on the far post.

After 11 minutes of the second half, Arok thought the time was ripe to pull the rabbit out of the hat for Saints — Dez Marton.

Not long after, he went down in a heap in the goalmouth, and St George feared the worst, but he got up and limped on.

In the 66th minute he opened the scoring when he collected the ball, in what looked like an offside position, turned, and shot with only the goalkeeper to beat and the Manly defenders appealing for the offside.

Four minutes later, he scored a brilliant goal, almost out of nothing, when he turned and shot on a low cross into the right side of the area.

One minute on, he was substituted by Howard Hadley, and he hobbled off the field to the tumultuous applause of the 1,247 crowd.

Manly were reduced to 10 men five minutes later when right-back Keith Falconer was sent off for a second card offence after receiving the yellow seven minutes before.

Then, in the 81st minute, Peter Stone ghosted in on the far post with a header to score Saints' third from a Villy Kanacki cross from the left wing.

Manly kept plugging away, but couldn't penetrate the St George goal.

Steve Ellis, in goal for the Seasiders, pulled off some very good saves, particularly early in the second half. Keith Falconer, and all the defenders, also had good games.

Marton, of course, was impressive in his 15 minute spell, while Peter Stone, John Davies and David Rylands also shone. Davies had to go off after the first goal was scored.

The refereeing performance of Arthur Owens left a lot to be desired, however.

He was inconsistent at times in decisions and he dished out five yellows and one red card. The send-off decision was particularly harsh, as a few minutes earlier, a Saints player, who had received a yellow, stayed on for a similar foul to that committed by Falloner.

DEZ MARTON

Manly coach Jones labelled it a diabolical decision, and said he wouldn't be surprised if Keith Falconer was exonerated.

"I was happy with the performance, but I felt we deserved more than we got. One or two refereeing decisions went against us," Jones said.

"SUPERSUB" PAGANO AGAIN!

MELITA - CROATIA 1:3

Allan — Borges, Hensman, Pagano

By John Economos

A crowd of 6,849 was at Melita Stadium yesterday to see a very exciting duel between Melita and Croatia.

It was Croatia who proved superior on the day, winning 3-1 with two goals in the second half.

The first half was clean and reasonably exciting, as both sides scored a goal to go in level-pegging

In the sixth minute Brian Parker brought the crowd to its feet when he just turned a ball of the top of his ankle over the cross-bar — a narrow miss for Croatia.

In the 14th minute he was involved in more action when he broke clear and hit a 20-metre shot into the base of the right post but he was ruled offside by referee Henry Witschge.

Six minutes later Don Allan got up high to a Terry Jones corner but his header was well saved by Croatia's keeper, Steve Watson.

In the 25th minute, Hector Martinez penetrated very deep on the left and just into the box, but his final shot was magnificently saved by Watson's outstretched leg with the goal wide open.

In the 35th minute, Parker broke away down the left flank for Croatia, sending in a perfect cross to Nelio Borges on the near post who neatly put away a glancing header past the stranded Greedy

Melita scored one minute from half-time from a beautiful cross from the left for Don Allan to net just inside the post from eight metres.

In the second half Croatia started to assert their strong authority, and they instigated deep raids into Melita's territory with monotonous regularity.

Only seven minutes after the break, Peter Hensman found himself clear wide on the right, and in a brilliant solo effort, dribbled into the box and slotted past Greedy to put Croatia back in the lead.

In the 66th minute, Brian Parker hit the post from 15 metres, but his side was more successful four minutes later when Bobby Pagano, who had gone on as substitute, broke down the middle in a magnificent solo run. He blasted a 5 metre shot that crashed home to post the final scoreline of 3-.

In the 83rd minute, Melita's substitute, Richie Williams, who replaced Martinez earlier, tried an overhead kick inside the box, but Watson pushed the ball onto the crossbar.

Best for Croatia were Parker, Hensman and Pagano, while John Stoddart and Allan never stopped trying for Melita.

Referee Witschge showed in this match why he is rapidly becoming a leading referee in Australian Soccer with a very good exhibition of match control.

MELITA - INTER MONARO 3-1

Berry, Farrugia, Allan — Johnson

Melita had an attractive 3-1 win over Monaro on Saturday, having led 3-0 at the break.

Their first goal came after 30 seconds when a low cross from Terry Jones was struck by Mike Berry just outside the penalty area.

At the 20th minute mark, a free-kick from the right was lobbed into the area where Ray Farrugia was waiting to hammer home.

Shortly after the third was added when John Stoddart collected a cross from Jones and set up Don Allan to score.

Jones, Stoddart and Hector Martinez were outstanding against Monaro, who grabbed a consolation goal in the second half when substitute David Johnson scored after a good Ian Heywood build-up.

BANKSTOWN - SUTHERLAND 1-2

King — T.Bush, Groome

Sutherland came back from being 1-0 down against Bankstown after nine minutes to dominate the play.

Geoff King got the Bankstown goal from a breakaway with the Sharks defenders appealing for offside. Tony Bush equalised in the 31st minute, and Nigel Groome hit the winner six minutes into the second half.

Groome had an excellent game in the middle for Sutherland, while Wally Lachowicz was called on to make several good saves in the Town goal.

RIVERWOOD - PARRAMATTA 3-1

Kumsuz, Lee, Fisher — Crawford

Riverwood came up trumps with a 3-1 win over Parramatta, on a very heavy Hurstville Oval.

Parramatta's striker Ken Crawford opened the scoring after 12 minutes, but Riverwood pulled two back to go in with a 2-1 leed at half-time. Seruf Kumsuz, in only his second first grade game, scored first, followed by midfielder John Lee.

There were quite a few chances in the game, but the final goal didn't come until seven minutes from the end when Alan Fisher (who came on as substitute 10 minutes from time) scored.

Andy Tracey and John Lee in the midfield were best for Riverwood, while Willie Hamilton continued his good form for Parramatta.

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F:A	Pts
CROATIA	15	13	2	0	40:11	28
ST GEORGE	14	13	1	0	59:5	27
MELITA	15	11	1	3	39:13	23
SUTHERLAND	14	8	3	3	22:12	19
POLONIA	14	6	2	6	17:20	14
RIVERWOOD	14	6	2	6	18-26	14
CANTERBURY	15	4	5	6	25:32	13
MONARO	14	5	2	7	21:30	12
NORTH SYD	14	4	3	8	16:26	11
MANLY	14	4	1	9	18:26	9
AUBURN	13	4	0	10	10:26	8
AVALA	13	3	2	8	15:32	8
PARRAMATTA	14	4	0	11	14:36	8
BANKSTOWN	14	3	0	11	16:34	6

TOP SCORERS

21. Marton(SG)
12. Farrugia(ME)
11. Allan(ME), Silva(Cr)
10. Heywood(IM)
9. R.Brown(CM), Barton(SG),Hensman(Cr) 8. Williams(CM)
7. T.Bush, Groome(S)
6. Davies(SG), M.Kovacic(Cr)
5. Griffiths, Campbell, Walker(SG), Samuels(Av), Morsello(NS)

NEXT GAMES

Saturday, 13 June:

ST GEORGE - NORTH SYDNEY	St George
MELITA - RIVERWOOD	Everley Park

Sunday, 14 June:

SUTHERLAND - CROATIA	Seymour Shaw
AVALA - BANKSTOWN	Knight Park
MANLY - INTER MONARO	Cromer Park
AUBURN - CANTERBURY	Mona Park
POLONIA - PARRAMATTA	Chopin Park

POLONIA - AUBURN 1-0

Sobczyk

Polonia battled on grimly to hold out Auburn and win 1-0, with the Gold-and-Greens pressuring strongly towards the end.

Polonia had the better of the first half, scoring once through Henry Sobczyk, having one goal disallowed and having a shot cleared off the goal-line with the keeper beaten.

Auburn came back strongly in the second period and held the upper hand in midfield, but couldn't peg back the early Polonia goal.

Rod Brown shone for Auburn, and Ricky Budini and Graham Sookee performed well for Polonia.

CANTERBURY - N.SYDNEY 1-1

Williams — Wilson

Defences dominated in Saturday's 1-1 draw between Canterbury and North Sydney.

Both goals were scored in a four-minute period near the end, the first coming from Neil Williams for Canterbury in the 79th minute when he tapped the ball home after the keeper had fumbled a Lucky Georgiou shot.

Norths equalised when Shane Wilson headed home a Tom Steven cross-ball.

In the first minute of play, Mick Dale, a forward player for Norths, saved them when he headed the ball off the goal-line, and Ross Brown missed a perfect opportunity after half an hour when he blasted his shot high of the crossbar.

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2	RIVERWOOD	0:1	S	0:4		3:2		3:2		3:2		0:2			2:3
3	MELITA			W	3:0		2:1		2:1		0:0		3:1	4:0	8:0
4	SUTHERLAND		0:0		S	0:0		0:0		4:1			2:0	2:1	2:0
5	AVALA	0:1		0:3		T	0:5				3:3	0:7	3:1		4:1
6	MANLY		0:2		0:2		A	1:1			4:1	0:4		2:0	0:1
7	NORTH SYDNEY	1:2		1:4		1:0		T	2:0	0:4	1:0		1:2		2:1
8	AUBURN		0:1		0:5		2:0		E	1:0		0:5		2:0	2:3
9	POLONIA	0:0		0:1		1:0		2:1	1:0	L	1:0		1:1		
10	CANTERBURY		0:0		5:1		2:3	1:1	3:0		E	1:9		3:1	
11	ST GEORGE	1:1		2:0		6:1	3:0	4:1		6:0		A	4:1		
12	MONARO		6:0		0:2		2:0		2:1		3:3		G	1:2	
13	BANKSTOWN	2:5		1:3	1:2	0:2		2:1		5:1		0:4		U	
14	PARRAMATTA		1:3						0:1	0:3	1:2	0:2	0:1	3:1	E

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

NSW STATE LEAGUE STARS IN PROFILE

WITH BRAD EARL

WALLY LACHOWICZ

BANKSTOWN CITY

Position: Goalkeeper.
Birthplace: Poland.
Bate of Birth: July 15th, 1956.
Nationality: Australian.
Occupation: Signwriter.
Married: No.

Career Background: I started with Yagoona Soccer Club (Bankstown district) when I was nine years old, then at 13 through to 16 I was in the inter-district Bankstown rep side, and at 16 I was selected for the NSW squad for the Australian youth championships. In those years from 13 to 16 I was coached by Ronnie Lord, who I have a lot of respect for. He moved tc Western Suburbs and took me with him, where I went all through the grades to first grade. At 17 I was selected for a tour of Indonesia with the team. I was at Western Suburbs for five years, and played in the Philips League.

In 1979 I gave Soccer away for 12 months to go to tech, but then I rejoined the game in 1980 through a friend, Gerry Mestrum, who asked me to go to Bankstown. In 1980 we reached the semi-finals of the Ampol Cup, and I was selected in the NSW squad.

Honours: 1980 NSW squad.

Biggest thrill in the game: The representative side of Soccer generally. Particularly being selected for NSW last year, although it was a bit of a disappointment as we were supposed to play Milan, but nothing eventuated.

Biggest disappointment: Terry Eaton at Western Suburbs, who kept me out of first grade. The old fellow never seemed to retire! I suppose I came at the wrong time.

Ambition: The Philips League and Australia — I think that's everyone's goal.

Your opinion of the State League: On what I've seen of the Philips League on TV, the State League is a grade below. You have your three or four good teams, but the rest are below them in standard. It's not a bad league, but it's got a long way to go to equal the PSL.

Best other State League team: St George, for sure.

Best State League players: Peter Stone, anc the forward line of St George.

Will you stay in the game when you've finished playing, and in what capacity: Hopefully yes, in coaching if I could.

NSW SHOTS

St George's John Davies, who missed several games last year with ankle injuries, broke his right leg just above the ankle in Sunday's game against Manly. His leg will be in plaster for at least six weeks.

Coach Frank Arok will bring either David Skeen or Simon Croot from second grade in to fill Davies position. When Dez Marton is fully fit he can pull Villy Kanacki back to midfield, which is his usual position.

Peter Beggs is likely to be on the move to Fairy Meadow in the Federation First Division for the rest of the season.

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Steve Montgomery has gone on loan to Parramatta City for the rest of the year. Steve came to Australia in 1978, and played in the PSL that year for Western Suburbs. In 1979 he moved on to Auburn, followed by Arncliffe Scots in 1980, and on to Croatia at the start of this year. His contract finishes at the end of this year, and he will review his future then.

"My style, the English-style centre-forward, didn't fit in at Croatia," Steve (27) said.

NSW DIVISIONS

NSW DIV. 1:

Blacktown - W.dlong.cng Utd	1-0
Guildford - Belmore	1-0
Warringah - N.Bankstown	3-3
Gladesville Ravens - Kuringai	0-1
Penrith - Yugal	2-2

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	F:A	Pts
KURINGAI	15	24:8	23
WOLLONGONG	15	36:12	21
YUGAL	15	31:18	21
BLACKTOWN UTD	15	23:7	20
FAIRY MEADOW	14	24:13	18
BATHURST	14	17:20	16
WARRINGAH	15	28:27	14
PENRITH	14	15:22	13
N.BANKSTOWN	15	18:27	11
GUILDFORD	16	14:26	11
RAVENS	15	12:20	10
UNI OF NSW	14	19:35	10
BELMORE	14	10:27	8
REVESBY	13	18:29	6

NSW DIV. 2:

N.Ryde - Dee Why	0-3
Eagles- Rockdale	1-4
Queens P.- Mt Druitt	2-1
Campbelltown - Hills	1-5
Riverstone - Mt Druitt	2-4
Hornsby - Liv.Albion	3-2
Holroyd - Chelsea	2-2
Ryde D.- Revesby R.	1-2
North R. - Winston H.	1-2

NSW DIV. 3:

Zagreb - Port Hacking	2-1
B.cndi - Padstow	3-0
Sydney Uni - Kingsford	1-2
Eastern - Artarmon	0-0
West Ryde - Wenty	2-1
Spanish - Kiev	2-1

NSW DIV. 4:

Concordia - Fairfield	1-0
Maroubra - Canley H.	2-2

NSW DIV. 5:

Maccabi - Chullora	1-0
Hawkesbury - Valley	4-2
Moorebank - Macquarie	3-0
Auburn - Haberfield	3-1
Glenquarie - Camden	2-0
Pagewood - Edensor	0-4

NSW DIV. 6:

C.clo C.cl.c-Blacktown	0-0
Parramatta - Liv.City	0-8
United - Transadinos	2-5
South Sydney - Hajduk	1-0
Workers - Robins	1-5
Liv.Rangers - Sports	1-5

ALLAN CLARKE

NORTHERN NSW STATE LEAGUE

At the time of going to Press, Monday's results were not known but it is certain that Weston are still leaders and Edgeworth are their main threat. The grey area lies immediately behind them.

Twin Towns, who need just a shade more punch to lift them into "secure" status in the top four, had a hard battle on their hands when they dropped their first home point to the strong Stewarts and Lloyds.

A win for either team would have left them confident of fourth spot but Twin Towns still hold on to it with the threat of Stewarts and Lloyds ever present just one point away with a match in hand.

Goals for Twin Towns came from Calley and the consistent Heywood while Stewarts and Lloyds replied with counters from Gray and Sweeney.

A frightening near mishap on the plane and a taxi ride to the match left Coffs Harbour players somewhat unsettled for their match against Adamstown which started half an hour late.

Even so, Coffs managed to open the scoring before Adamstown equalised 10 minutes before half-time.

Inspired by coach Anderson at half-time, Adamstown raced to a 3-1 lead before Coffs, displaying great fight, equalised in the closing stages of the game.

Goals for Coffs were scored by Miner, Berryl and Northcote while Adamstown's scorers were Werrin, Hill and Winsor.

Edgeworth Eagles maintained their pressure on Weston Bears as they coasted to a 2-0 win over Belmont Swansea with goals from Trevor Smyth and Tom Bremner.

Early in the game, the Eagles looked solid and, though they fell away after the interval as Belmont surged back into the game, goalkeeper Fred Musialik thwarted the most dangerous attempts.

He was also supported by Warren Anderson who had spent almost two years in the wilderness following a leg injury late in 1979.

Points Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Weston	8	7	0	1	20	8	14
Edgeworth	8	6	1	1	18	6	13
Tamworth	7	5	0	2	15	12	10
Twin Towns	9	4	3	2	17	12	11
Stewarts & Lloyds	8	4	2	2	19	10	10
Adamstown	9	3	2	4	19	17	8
Coffs Har.	9	2	3	4	17	20	7
Wallsend	7	2	1	4	7	10	5
B'mont Swan.	9	2	0	7	14	19	4
Armidale	8	0	0	8	3	34	0

ALLAN CLARKE'S BRILLIANCE FOR TOWNSVILLE

Townsville United 4 (Clarke 2, Whiteside, McGuiness) Wynnum 0; Grange Thistle 2 (Mangan, Marsh) Mareeba United 0; Ipswich United 3 (McKeand, Miller, own goal) Across The Waves 2 (Wood, Kenny).

Former England international and Leeds United striker Allan Clarke was the chief talking point after last weekend's Queensland State League matches.

Playing in his first of three guest appearances for Townsville United. Clarke (34) now the Leeds United manager, brilliantly stole the show as United cruised to a 4-0 win over the unlucky Wynnum.

We say unlucky Wynnum as things haven't always gone their way in their initial league season, and just when they had started to move confidently again, they had to run up against the genius of Clarke, and in away territory.

Clarke's brief visit was organised by Townsville coach Tim White and sponsored by a group of local businessmen, but unfortunately for Townsville spectators, it is the only time they will see him in action.

This weekend, Townsville travel to Rockhampton to play Capricornia in the Ampol Cup and the following weekend, Clarke's last, they are away to Mareeba United.

Clarke as could be expected, completely dominated the proceedings with his rare skills, setting up the two first half goals for Cliff Whiteside, and Bobby McGuiness, then adding the second half two with outstanding individual efforts.

As a Townsville spectator summed up: "The real scoreline should be Clarke 4, Wynnum 0."

In Brisbane at Lanham Park, Grange Thistle retained second place with a scrappy 2-0 win over second-bottom Mareeba, and never at any stage displayed the form which carried them to a win over leaders Mt Gravatt in the previous round.

Thistle did dominate the entire first half, but wild shooting and too much impetuosity ruined all their good work and Mareeba were able to hang on until half-time.

Mareeba came back into the match after the break and made a few inroads but Thistle finally broke through in the 70th minute when Ricky Mangan's header from a Ben Sokeni corner took a deflection.

Then with five minutes left, promising young full-back Keith Marsh added Thistle's second by steering in a pass from his co-defender Jim Cameron.

Mareeba's problems look to be further compounded by the news that their leading striker Paul Trovalusci will sign for Townsville United this week.

In the third game of the split round, this one played on Sunday, Ipswich United further sunk Across The Waves' semi-final aspirations with a thrilling 3-2 win in Bundaberg. The goals for United came from Randall McKeand, John Miller and an own goal, while John Wood and Tom Kenny scored for Waves.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE IN THE BALANCE

By Steve Burns

Fierce fighting is now underway for all positions — with the exception of the bottom three — in the NSW Southern Soccer League.

ACT are battling out the top four positions and the rest the middle-order spots.

Croatia Deakin regained the lead from West Woden Juventus in round six, after hat-tricks from Bernie Lustica helped it bedazzle Kooringal Lions, 5-0 and an extremely competitive Albury Hotspurs 4-1.

In round eight Croatia Deakin consolidated that lead with a well-deserved but hard-won 2-0 win over West Woden Juventus, with goals from former PSL player, Phil Reis, and substitute, Rajko Barac, to remain one of only two teams to reach the break without a loss.

PHIL REIS

Downer Olympic, aided by goals from forwards Phil Redmond, Phil Williamson, Oscar Langone, midfielder Chris Tansey, Billy Stewart, Ian Murray, Brendan Grosse and even defenders Dave Bagon, George Kyrios, David La'Ruz, with substitute George Campbell joining the list last week, is also undefeated but — after foul weather caused the postponement of the game against Queanbeyan City in round seven — has a game in hand on Croatia Deakin.

Olympic only needs a 1-0 win against Queanbeyan City to become joint leader of the NSW Southern League — a result that was to be decided on Monday, June 8.

If that transpires, although Queanbeyan City will undoubtedly have different intentions, it will turn the round nine clash between Downer Olympic and Croatia Deakin into an equivalent of this year's F.A. Cup Final.

When West Woden Juventus lost to Croatia Deakin the side hit a new low.

A 2-1 win by Belconnen United over Wagga's Kooringal Lions, kept it level on points with Olympic, moved it into third place one point ahead of Juventus.

Prior to that defeat Lions' 5-1 win over Cootamundra, when Albury Hotspurs fell to Croatia Deakin, allowed the Lions to depose the Hotspurs in fifth.

However, a loss to Belconnen United and a close 4-3 win by the Hotspurs over Yoogali resulted in a vice-versa situation after round eight.

Yoogali, after a slow start to the season, zipped up three places with a seventh round 5-2 win over Goulburn Workers but dropped two in going down to Albury Hotspurs.

In the meantime, Hanwood, losing 4-0 to Olympic and 3-1 to West Woden Juventus in successive weeks, returned a 5-1 win over Goulburn Workers to move into seventh, behind Kooringal Lions.

In recent weeks, Queanbeyan City has come into its own, following a scoreless draw against West Woden Juventus and, last week, a 7-1 win against Cootamundra, one of the league's most courageous sides. Both results have taken Queanbeyan City well clear of the bottom into eighth with, for the first time this season, a positive goal difference that puts it ahead of Yoogali.

While there is a clear top four group and a middle order five, there is also an equally clear bottom three.

In reality the bottom order clubs, Goulburn Workers, Cootamundra and Wagga United, remain so through inexperience in both defence and attack.

For courage and tenacity, however, there are none finer.

They each contribute a full 90 minutes of effort, are fearless in trying to gain possession of the ball but, as yet, don't have the ability to maintain concentration for the full game. In most results, the majority of goals against come in the final twenty minutes of each game.

Concentration and timing, also, will come. It must!

ACTSF FOOTBALL LEAGUE — 1st GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lugo Sc	8	7	0	1	20	7	14
Kambah United	7	6	1	0	23	5	13
Marrabundah SC	8	5	2	1	23	10	12
Canberra United	8	5	1	2	23	11	11
West Woden Juventus	8	5	1	2	18	8	11
Polonia White Eagles	8	3	3	2	22	14	9
RMC	8	4	1	3	11	14	9
Canberra North	8	3	1	4	9	15	7
ANU'	8	1	3	4	4	8	5
Belconnen United	8	2	1	5	15	23	5
Weston Creek	7	1	2	4	10	18	4
Downer Olympic	8	1	2	5	9	19	4
Concordia Phillip	8	0	0	8	7	36	0

LUSO TO COME UNSTUCK?

Is the tide of good fortune about to ebb for current ACTSF front-runners, Luso — a side that only 12 months ago was playing in amateur Canberra League Soccer?

ACTSF publicity chairman, Derek Peachey, says slim, single goal wins by Luso SC in recent rounds of the Football League premiership enabled the club to hold on to the number one spot when former leader, Kambah United, suffered a postponed game due to the Australian Under 18 championship.

In round eight, however, Luso SC faltered and was beaten 3-2 by second-bottom Weston Creek, a team that had promised greater succes than it had achieved.

ILLAWARRA v ACT REP GAME OFF

by Steve Burns

The return game between representative sides from Illawarra and ACT federations has been cancelled for 1981 by the Illawarra Soccer Federation, owing to previous commitments of members of its Federation.

In the first round of a two round competition, ACT defeated Illawarra at both senior and under 21 level in Wollongong. At the time both games were reported to have been of a high standard and ACT fans were looking forward to the return game in Canberra on October 4.

However, owing to a recent directive from the ASF, regarding the playing of games during the weeks of the World Youth Championships final confirmation of the game could not be made by the ACTSF until permission to go ahead had been granted by the ASF.

Unfortunately for the ACTSF this permission arrived in the mail one day too late for Illawarra, which had set a deadline for confirmation that the game would take place as planned. Illawarra's reason for setting a deadline was that member clubs arrange trips away for their players at the end of each season and needed to get arrangements underway.

Now ACT fans will have to wait until 1982 to witness the traditional battle between these two Federations in Canberra.

NEW SOUTH WALES SOUTHERN LEAGUE
(as at May 31, 1981)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia Deakin	8	7	1	0	30	4	15
Downer Olympic	7	6	1	0	30	5	13
Belconnen United	8	6	1	1	21	10	13
West Woden Juventus	8	5	2	1	30	8	12
Albury Hotspurs	8	4	1	3	19	15	9
Kooringal Lions	8	4	0	4	22	14	8
Hanwood	8	3	1	4	17	19	7
Queanbeyan City	7	2	2	3	16	12	6
Yoogali	8	2	2	4	17	19	6
Goulburn Workers	8	1	0	7	7	38	2
Cootamundra	8	0	2	6	7	41	2
Wagga United	8	0	1	7	6	37	1

TOP TWO GET AWAY FROM THE REST

By Tom McKain

Is the field at last beginning to spread out in the race for the SA Rothmans League title?

Azzurri and Polonia switched places last week with the Italian-backed club hitting the front again on goal difference following a massive 5-0 home win over Croatia.

Polonia were held 2-2 at Port Adelaide to slip back into second place, also on 11 points.

But then comes the gap — three points back are Campbelltown ahead on goal difference of Beograd, Cumberland, Port and Croatia, all on eight points.

Elizabeth under new coaches. Bobby Henderson and John Gaughen, following the resignation of Brian Dooley, caused an upset by fighting back to hold Cumberland 2-2.

This put them a point behind the 8-point clubs while Para, despite an exciting 3-3 draw away to Beograd, are in second bottom place with six points.

Noarlunga stayed at the bottom this time on five points, following a 1-0 defeat at Campbelltown.

It was the latter who made the most significant move, jumping from seventh to third place — thanks to a penalty from Barry Smith in the second minute after Geoff Armstrong had been brought down in the box.

The eight-pointer clubs may be split next weekend with Campbelltown at home to Port, Croatia entertaining Noarlunga, and Cumberland at home to Beograd.

Azzurri and Polonia may again switch places.

Polonia is at home to Elizabeth while Azzuri has to visit Para Hills.

Azzurri's 5-0 win over Croatia was the most important in last week's round, as despite shocking conditions on a pitch churned up earlier by the reserves, they still managed to score goals.

Striker Wally Bojczuk was the hero with his three goals, which put him a clear leader on the top scorers'list.

But while the scorelines would indicate the match was all Azzurri, Croatia were not that bad.

However, again they showed that they lack a central striker or target man.

Obviously they are missing big Tony Jordan who retired at the end of last season.

Azzuri has a massive "goals for" total, which reads 25, and shares the best defensive record, eight conceded, with Campbelltown.

Polonia has netted 16 times and conceded 13. This week it is the halfway mark with Azzurri still favourites but only just, with Polonia breathing down their necks.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Azzurri	5	1	2	25	8	11
Polonia	5	1	2	16	13	11
Campbelltown	3	2	3	8	8	8
Beograd	3	2	3	13	14	8
Cumberland	3	2	3	11	13	8
Port	3	2	3	11	14	8
Croatia	3	2	3	8	12	8
Elizabeth	3	2	3	6	12	7
Para Hills	1	4	3	12	13	6
Noarlunga	0	5	3	8	11	5

NAMES ARGUMENT

By Tom McKain

The old ethnic names argument is raging again in Adelaide, and the nicknames put up by the Australian Soccer Federation marketing division have also been blasted.

Beograd coach Zoran Matic, who was assistant to Rale Rasic at Adelaide City and took over the Rothmans League First Division club this year, started the ball rolling when he called for the dropping of ethnic names.

He was quoted in a local weekly newspaper backed by the SA Soccer Federation.

Then along came Max Huffa in another article, decrying the change of names.

Huffa, an Australian and former Giants striker in the days when they were Juventus, cried out for the retention of tradition.

Syl Phelan, retired Soccer journalist and now member of the SA Federation Board, had a go at the nicknames.

We don't pretend to have the answer to all Soccer's ills, but we do agree names can help.

The nicknames, while being terribly Americanised, have attracted attention, and along with the new logos, I can see them creating interest, particularly among the younger generation.

As regards the ethnic names I have an open mind.

When clubs were purely ethnic — some still are — their crowds fell away to almost nil.

Juventus and Hellas, even when they met, were reduced to 2,000 spectators.

They got a lift in the first and second year of the Philips League, and now have plunged back down; almost 7,196 saw the recent Derby.

And despite being called City and West and now Giants and Hawks, they are still regarded as Italian and Greek teams, and Italians and Greeks form the majority of their support.

So where has any name change helped?

Would fewer people turn up if they were Juventus and Hellas again?

District names would attract more people to State League matches is a claim made every other year from someone.

But there have been clubs with district names for years, and they are as poorly supported as they ever were.

And the clubs with ethnic names are just as poor, and devoid of spectators.

Our conclusion is that names don't mean a thing.

Only when we have clubs representing the complete Soccer scene of a City — like Canberra, and Newcastle — will we have everyone supporting a team.

Hawks v Giants attracted the 7,196 we mentioned earlier, but Giants v Gladiators attracted only 3,456.

• Para Hills is the latest team being tipped to sign Neil McGachey, former Hawks midfielder and captain.

His ex-team-mate, full-back Barry Reynolds, is already with Para.

McGachey is keeping his options open, and although he wants to coach, at 28, feels he could play State League for at least another three years.

Croatia coach George McMillan is also interested in signing McGachey who will have to make a move before the June 30 transfer deadline.

• Azzurri may make a bid for the Philips Soccer League.

Nothing official has been said, but they are the only State League club in SA capable financially of taking over from Hawks — if the latter are relegated.

While like Giants, Azzurri are backed by the Italian community, playing on a home and away basis, they could expect to attract the same spectators as Giants.

Supporters at the moment watch both clubs on Saturdays and Sundays.

• Tommy Preston, former professional goalkeeper in Scotland, looks like playing again.

Assistant coach to Billy Birch at Hawks, he was sacked along with his boss, and word is he is thinking of turning out for one of the Amateur League teams on Sundays.

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

UNFASHIONABLES TURN IT ON

By Greg Blake

With the spotlight well and truly on the big clash between Essendon and Green Gully, two of the more unfashionable teams in George Cross and Sunshine City turned on the match of the ninth round in the Victorian State League.

While Croatia upset leaders Ajax 1-0 in a tough match, it was Georgie and Sunshine, both on the fringe of the top four, who provided the thrills with the Shiners winning in a five-goal thriller.

Sunshine fielded two new signings from Leicester in midfielder Chris Taylor and striker Roger Bain, with Bain having a dream debut by opening the score on the quarter hour.

Georgie's Bobby Toal pulled a goal back with a cracking drive just before half-time, but the Shiners forged ahead again only two minutes after half-time as full-back Dennis Morovic netted from a corner.

Another defender, this time Georgie's Harry McKinley, again levelled the scores as he beat two players before planting the ball into the net.

The 1500 strong crowd was unanamious in praising this as the best State League clash for some time, and the action continued as Georgie missed a golden opportunity to hit the lead when their 61st minute penalty was smashed against an upright.

Chris Taylor then had his moment of glory by scoring the winner five minutes later, although one Sunshine official readily admitted that his side was actually fighting to hold out a "sometimes brilliant" George Cross late in the match.

In another five goal thriller,Frankstown City collapsed from a 2-0 half-time lead to go down 3-2 against Juventus at muddy Gillan Oval.

City coach John Pryle gave three players, Dave Cooper, Norrie Campbell and Frank Thompson, their marching orders after a pathetic second half, telling them not to return to the club.

Charlie Egan continued his fine run by scoring both of Frankston's goals.

The big match of the day between Green Gully and Croatia was a torrid affair, but provided plenty of entertainment for the 3,000 crowd.

Dave Brogan, making his debut for Croatia following a $6500 transfer from Croydon, was thwarted by Lou Dennis twice in the first half whilst Ajax were unlucky to lose Gordon Wallace with injury at half-time.

Croatia hit their best form in the second half but Ajax's class kept them in the match and realistically the points could have justifiably been shared.

But Noel Mitten, Essendon's much-maligned striker, came on as a substitute and hit the winner two minutes from time to put the Reds back into ithe championship race.

Hakoak's three games within a week had little effect on their form as they held high-flying Croydon to 2-2 at Middle Park on Saturday.

The highlight of the match was the form of Croydon's expensive signing from Doveton, Kim Wassall, who capped his debut with a fine goal.

In other matches Ringwood City thrashed Altona to the tune of 4-0, whilst score-draw specialists Doveton were forced to fight tooth and nail to take a point in a 1-1 draw with lowly Northcote.

Hakoah 2 (French, Webster), Croydon 2 (I.Loughnane, Wassall), Doveton 1 (Cherrie), Northcote 1 (Kalafitidis), George Cross 2 (ToaL, McKinley), Sunshine 3 (Morovic Bain, Taylor), Ringwood 4 (Callaghan, Greener, Sinclair, Thorne pen), Altona 0, Green Gully 0, Essendon Croatia 1 (Mitten), Juventus 3 (Penzo 2, Incantalupo), Frankston 2 (Egan 2).

TOP SCORERS

9 — Egan (Fr), I.Loughnane (Croydon)
7 — McLeod (G.G.)
5 — Mitten (Essendon), Pate (Sunshine), Cherrie (Dove)
4 — Adams, Gilder (Essendon), Greechan (G.G.), French (Hakoah), Penzo (Juventus).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Green Gully	9	6	1	2	17	3	13
Croydon	9	4	4	1	18	12	12
Doveton	9	3	6	0	13	8	12
Essendon	9	3	6	0	13	8	12
Hakoah	9	4	3	2	10	10	11
George Cross	9	4	1	4	14	9	9
Sunshine	9	4	1	4	15	11	9
Ringwood	9	3	2	4	12	15	8
Northcote	9	3	2	4	13	20	8
Frankston	9	3	1	5	13	16	7
Juventus	9	3	0	6	8	19	6
Altona	9	0	2	7	8	24	2

ROUND 10 PREVIEW

By Greg Blake

Green Gully's title aspirations are put on the line for the second week in succession next Sunday when they venture down to Croydon Park to meet Croydon City.

If Ajax wanted a test of their worth as potential champions they couldn't ask for a sterner one than having to face up to another championship contender in Croydon only one week after meeting the title holders Essendon Croatia.

But provided Green Gully come through this unscathed it could be just about "shut the gate" as far as the championship goes with only a home match against Doveton in four weeks time the other real hurdle.

Croydon are a potentially explosive team and could be expected to push Ajax on most occasions: however they have been subject to lapses in form so Ajax must be favourites.

And with John Gardiner marshalling the Ajax defence so well it's hard to see Croydon scoring the two or three goals they'll probably need to win.

But Ajax also sometimes find it difficult to find the back of the net, and despite the presence of new boy Gordon Wallace to support Gus McLeod, they can expect a difficult afternoon against the likes of Steve McCombe, Brown, Pongho and one of the most under-rated full-backs in Victoria in Gary Hobson.

Nevertheless, Croydon have not been consistently convincing and I doubt they are ready to win the league, at least not this year.

Green Gully are as ready as they'll ever be but this game is a difficult one. Definitely one of the fixtures of the year and I'll stick my neck out and tip Ajax to win another thriller.

Juventus are away to Croatia and if ever Essendon had an opportunity for a confidence-boosting victory, and some much-needed target practice, this is it.

I feel Essendon should win in a canter but then again the way they're playing this season, anything could happen.

Hakoah's fine run should continue with a victory over Altona City at Kim Reserve where the home team are already resigned to relegation.

Sunshine will have another day out, this time at Chaplin Reserve where Ringwood will be the victims: Doveton face a difficult one at Frankston but should take at least a point and on Saturday, George Cross will continue their rise with a win at Northcote City.

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THE ILLAWARRA SCENE

By Phil Murphy

Former Marconi goalkeeper Fabio Fabrienisi gave Tarrawanna a valuable point in their recent game against Cringila.

Tarrawanna led 2-1 with only seconds remaining when referee Rex Leighton awarded Cringila a penalty.

Jimmy Simulivski, who had already scored from the spot earlier in the game, stepped up to take the kick.

Fabrienisi made a fine save but could only push the ball back to the Cringila player who then hit the crossbar.

The rangy goalkeeper is proving a valuable asset to coach David Naylor, who started the season without a recognised keeper.

★ ★ ★

Lysaght's goalkeeper Bobby Dodds seems to have been around a long time, but is still going as well as ever in first grade.

He proved this in the recent game against Coniston even though his team lost 2-1.

Formerly a long-serving player with Dapto, he is able to call on his experience to help out some of the younger players in his defence.

Quite a few Dapto players went to Lysaght's when Dapto were in premier league and Lysaght's in first division.

This season the situation is reversed and Lysaght's are doing a good job of consolidating themselves.

Illawarra referees are going to Sydney on Sundays to control games and improve themselves.

When Fairy Meadow played Blacktown in a top of the table game in Wollongong recently, Fairy Meadow secretary Walter Chichkan was called on to run the line.

It wasn't just for one game — he carried the flag for three full games.

Something is wrong somewhere.

★ ★ ★

Wollongong United coach Mike Johnson claims you don't have to spoil your players to get results.

Johnson takes his players to lunch on away games with the money he picks up from fines.

Recently he booked in to the St George Soccer Club the same weekend as Wollongong Wolves.

Johnson noticed in the caterer's book the Wolves were paying $4.50 a head for a steak lunch, but United were up for a dollar a head.

"I just buy them tea or coffee with toast and biscuits — it used to cost 75c a head but that's inflation," Johnson said.

THE PRESTO SOCCER QUIZ

Step this way — for a great Presto prize.

Just answer the simple questions in A.S.W.'s PRESTO SOCCER QUIZ and send them on a sheet of paper to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, PRESTO QUIZ, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007. Please state your preference — either a leg of Presto ham or five kilos of Presto smallgoods.

All entries have to be in this office by Monday. The first correct entry opened will be the winner.

Here are the answers to last week's Presto Quiz:-

1.Tommy Hutchison. 2.Ipswich. 3.Jimmy Shoulder. 4.Black and white. 5.Dave Sexton. 6.Raul Blanco.

The winner was:

Danny Morrison, of 16 Bedford Rd, North Epping. He chose five kilos of smallgoods.

Now try this week's Presto Quiz:-

1. Has Johnny Warren ever coached a team in the Philips Soccer League ?
2. Who is president of the Australian Soccer Federation ?
3. How many teams will play in Spain in the 1982 World Cup ?
4. Which two clubs joined the Philips League for the first time in 1981 ?
5. What nationality are Spurs players Ardiles and Villa ?
6. Which country won the 1974 World Cup ?

The winner of this Quiz will be announced in next Tuesday's issue of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY.

PRESTO
MEAT & SMALLGOODS

POOLS WINNER AT SEA!

GET YOUR POOLS IN... With DEBORAH

Chief Petty Officer Lance O'Connor, 33, of Sydney with a 50 cent entry scooped the Pools and won $278,489.30.

He learned of his win late because he is at sea on the Royal Australian navy ship HMAS Torrens, sailing between the Philippines and Hong Kong.

His wife Anne, mother of a 5-year-old boy and a 2-year-old girl said: "This win could not have come at a better time because we have have been trying to save up to buy our home."

Anne is quite confident that her husband Lance will want to buy a new fishing boat as he loves fishing.

Lance has been in the Navy for 13 years and they have been married for nine.

Anne added: "We can definitely plan our future after this stroke of luck".

She continued: "I did not even know he had entered the Pools. Lance took a multiple entry of one 50 cent game for 15 weeks back on Anzac Day. It's the luckiest 50 cents we have ever spent."

ADELAIDE

The O'Connor's good luck robbed Margaret Adams, 35, Adelaide and, mother of two young children of winning the big prize.

Margaret was half a point off winning the Scoop.

Calling her ticket "The Little Battler" she played four games and when advised she had won $1351.60 said: "Oh, thats beautiful"

"I didn't care how much it was as long as I have won enough to pay for the groceries this week."

"He's mad. Says I'm over the hill. I never climb hills!"

USE YOUR SKILL TO PLAY POOLS!

Many people enjoy testing their Soccer knowledge to play the Pools.
For those who do play the Pools by form, the following Australian Soccer league tables be of great assistance.
The tables are current to matches played on May 23, 1981.
Good luck and may the Man From The Pools knock on your door soon!

VICTORIA DIVISION ONE

	Home					Away					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MARIBYRNONG	10	4	1	0	17	4	3	0	2	8	6	15
WESTERN	10	4	1	0	17	7	2	1	2	8	7	14
ALBION R.	10	4	0	1	12	4	2	2	1	7	6	14
BOX HILL	10	5	0	0	16	3	2	0	3	8	14	14
ALTONA GATE	10	3	1	1	6	2	1	2	2	3	9	11
PRAHRAN	10	2	1	2	8	8	1	3	1	6	7	10
RICHMOND	10	1	1	3	4	6	2	2	1	8	5	9
KEW PARK	10	1	3	1	5	2	1	2	2	4	9	9
MORWELL	10	0	3	2	5	8	2	0	3	7	10	7
KEILOR	10	1	0	4	5	12	2	1	2	6	8	7
MORELAND	10	1	2	2	9	12	1	0	4	5	18	6
KNOX CITY	10	1	0	4	5	7	1	0	4	5	10	4

VICTORIA DIVISION TWO

FAWKNER	10	5	0	0	18	5	3	2	0	12	6	18
PRESTON	10	2	1	2	7	7	3	1	1	8	6	12
MELBOURNE	10	4	1	0	9	4	1	1	3	5	9	12
DONCASTER	10	2	1	1	8	4	2	1	3	10	9	10
SPRINGVALE	10	2	1	2	11	10	2	1	2	6	7	10
FRANKSTON P.	10	2	1	2	7	7	2	1	2	5	5	10
FOOTSCRAY	10	1	2	3	3	9	3	0	1	9	6	10
S. MELBOURNE	10	4	0	1	11	5	0	1	4	5	12	9
DANDENONG	10	1	2	2	5	7	2	1	2	6	9	9
ARDEER	10	1	2	2	4	8	2	1	2	7	9	9
WAVERLEY	10	3	0	2	10	8	0	1	4	2	9	7
HEIDELBERG U.	10	0	1	4	5	10	1	1	3	9	11	4

VICTORIA DIVISION THREE

BELL PARK	10	4	0	1	14	6	3	2	0	11	4	16
RINGWOOD U.	10	3	2	0	10	3	3	2	0	7	3	16
BROADM'DOWS	10	3	2	0	14	10	2	1	2	10	8	13
HEIDELBERG	10	3	0	2	12	8	2	2	1	12	13	12
CORIO	10	2	2	1	10	8	2	0	3	7	9	10
ST. ALBANS	10	3	1	1	10	6	1	1	3	7	13	10
PT. MELBOURNE	10	2	1	2	10	9	1	2	2	3	6	9
WERRIBEE	10	3	0	2	10	6	1	1	3	7	14	9
YALLOURN	10	2	0	3	10	8	1	1	3	9	14	7
COBURG	10	1	3	1	7	8	1	0	4	7	14	7
PRAHRAN CITY	10	2	0	3	7	11	1	0	4	6	10	6
ELTHAM	10	2	1	2	9	9	0	0	5	6	15	5

VICTORIA DIVISION FOUR

MORNINGTON	10	3	2	0	12	4	4	1	0	13	6	17
SUNBURY U.	10	6	0	0	15	3	1	2	1	4	3	16
ROYAL PARK	10	5	0	0	13	2	2	1	2	9	11	15
NUNAWADING	10	4	1	0	19	1	2	1	2	13	11	14
BRIGHTON	10	3	2	1	10	6	1	1	2	3	6	11
N. DANDENONG	10	0	4	1	4	6	2	2	1	5	3	10
KEYSBORO	10	1	0	3	4	8	3	1	2	7	2	9
SANDRINGHAM	10	1	2	2	8	9	2	1	2	6	10	9
MONASH	10	1	2	2	6	6	1	2	2	7	9	8
MOORABBIN	10	1	1	3	8	10	0	2	3	2	9	5
FERNTREE	10	1	1	3	4	11	0	2	3	3	12	5
CHELSEA	10	0	1	3	3	11	0	0	6	5	24	1

WEST AUSTRALIA STATE LEAGUE

AZZURRI	6	3	1	0	9	3	2	0	0	6	1	11
FORRESTF'LD	6	2	1	0	5	2	1	2	0	6	4	9
INGLEWOOD	6	2	0	1	6	2	2	0	1	8	6	8
SPEARWOOD	4	2	0	0	6	1	1	1	0	3	2	7
E. FREMANTLE	6	2	0	1	9	5	1	1	1	2	4	7
KINGSWAY	4	2	0	0	5	2	0	0	2	2	8	4
STIRLING C.	5	0	0	1	1	3	1	1	2	4	6	3
GOSNELLS	6	0	2	1	3	4	0	0	3	3	10	2
WINDMILLS	5	0	1	2	5	8	0	0	2	3	7	1
WEST PERTH	4	0	0	2	3	7	0	0	2	0	4	0

WEST AUSTRALIA DIVISION TWO

	Home						Away					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ATHENA	8	3	1	0	18	6	4	0	0	14	1	15
NORTH PERTH	8	2	1	1	11	7	2	1	1	14	5	10
COCKBURN	8	3	0	1	12	7	1	2	1	5	5	10
EAST PERTH	8	3	1	0	9	4	1	1	2	5	8	10
MELVILLE	8	2	1	1	10	5	1	2	1	8	5	9
OSBORNE PK.	8	4	0	0	13	4	0	0	4	2	15	8
KELMSCOTT	8	2	1	1	9	5	0	2	2	5	10	7
BASSENDEAN	8	0	2	2	5	11	2	1	1	8	5	7
BALGA	8	1	0	3	6	15	2	0	2	9	11	6
CANNING	8	1	1	2	7	9	1	0	3	8	14	5
KWINANA	8	1	1	2	3	6	1	0	3	5	13	5
UNIVERSITY	8	1	0	3	3	10	1	0	3	6	14	4

WEST AUSTRALIA DIVISION THREE

SWAN ATH.	8	2	1	1	6	3	4	0	0	7	2	13
BALCATTA	8	3	1	0	9	4	1	3	0	7	5	12
SORRENTO	8	2	2	0	6	3	2	1	1	3	5	11
BUNBURY C.	8	2	2	0	8	4	2	0	2	7	6	10
BEDFORD U.	8	3	0	1	8	5	1	1	2	5	6	9
BAYSWATER	8	3	1	0	8	4	0	2	2	4	7	9
PERTH CITY	8	1	0	3	5	5	2	2	0	10	4	8
ROCKINGHAM	8	1	1	2	6	8	2	1	1	5	4	8
WANNEROO	8	1	2	1	5	6	1	1	2	7	8	7
QUEENS PARK	8	2	0	2	5	4	0	0	4	1	5	4
TUART HILL	8	0	2	2	3	10	0	2	2	5	8	4
SUBIACO	8	0	1	3	4	8	0	0	4	3	13	1

SOUTH AUSTRALIA DIVISION TWO

W. ADELAIDE	9	2	2	0	10	4	4	1	0	11	3	15
W. TORRENS	9	4	0	1	20	6	2	2	0	8	4	14
WESTFIELDS	9	1	2	2	8	9	3	1	0	10	3	11
LION	9	3	0	1	10	8	2	1	2	10	10	11
ADELAIDE C.	9	2	0	2	9	8	3	0	2	7	8	10
WHYALLA	9	2	2	1	11	10	1	1	2	7	9	9
VICTORIA	9	1	2	2	6	7	2	1	1	3	5	9
BRIGHTON	9	2	0	2	9	4	1	1	3	7	11	7
MODBURY	9	1	0	3	4	7	2	1	2	9	8	7
SALISBURY	9	0	2	3	1	6	2	1	1	10	7	7
STURT	9	1	1	3	5	12	1	1	2	7	11	6
WINDSOR	9	0	1	3	3	14	0	1	4	6	17	2

QUEENSLAND DIVISION ONE

DARRA	11	5	0	0	20	8	2	2	2	12	11	16
COALSTARS	11	3	2	1	12	5	4	0	1	12	8	16
ACACIA RIDGE	11	4	1	0	8	2	3	1	2	9	7	16
MITCHELTON	11	4	1	1	12	6	2	2	1	3	4	15
TRIDENT	11	3	2	1	18	8	3	0	2	10	9	14
ANNERLEY	11	2	3	1	9	6	2	0	3	7	5	11
SALISBURY	11	2	1	2	11	8	2	1	3	6	11	10
OLYMPIC	11	2	1	3	4	6	1	2	2	7	10	9
TARINGA	11	1	1	4	9	18	2	2	1	5	6	9
PINE RIVERS	11	2	0	3	7	6	2	0	4	14	19	8
SUNNYSIDE	11	1	1	3	6	14	0	2	4	6	13	5
SOUTHSIDE	11	1	0	4	4	11	0	1	5	7	17	3

QUEENSLAND DIVISION TWO

NEWMARKET	7	2	1	0	7	4	3	1	0	7	4	12
GOODNA	7	2	1	0	11	2	3	0	1	14	7	11
NORTH STAR	6	2	0	1	11	4	3	0	0	9	4	10
SOUTHS UTD	6	3	0	1	15	4	1	0	1	4	5	8
GAP	7	3	0	1	12	5	1	0	2	2	6	8
INALA CITY	7	1	1	1	3	5	2	1	1	8	9	8
RIVERSIDE	7	0	1	2	3	5	2	1	1	6	4	6
REDCLIFFE	6	2	1	1	10	8	0	0	2	2	6	5
REDLANDS	7	0	1	3	3	7	1	2	0	6	5	5
INDUSTRIAL	7	2	0	2	10	10	0	1	2	2	8	5
UNIVERSITY	6	0	0	2	3	5	0	1	3	4	17	1
N. BRISBANE	7	0	1	2	6	13	0	0	4	8	19	1

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VIC.DIV.1	ALBION R.	MORWELL	1	1	
	BOX HILL	RICHMOND	2	1	
	MORELAND	KEW PARK	3	2	
VIC.DIV.2	ARDEER	FAWKNER	4	2	
	DANDENONG	FRANKSTON P.	5	X	
	DONCASTER	FOOTSCRAY	6	1	
	HEIDELBERG U.	S. MELBOURNE	7	2	
	PRESTON	SPRINGVALE	8	X	*
	WAVERLEY	MELBOURNE	9	2	
VIC.DIV.3	COBURG	BELL PARK	10	2	
	CORIO	PT. MELBOURNE	11	X	*
	ELTHAM	ST. ALBANS	12	2	
	PRAHRAN CITY	WERRIBEE	13	1	
	RINGWOOD U.	HEIDELBERG	14	1	
	YALLOURN	BROADM'DOWS	15	2	
VIC.DIV.4	BRIGHTON	SANDRINGHAM	16	1	
	FERNTREE	ROYAL PARK	17	2	
	KEYSBORO	CHELSEA	18	1	
	MOORABBIN	SUNBURY U.	19	2	
	MORNINGTON	MONASH	20	1	
	NUNAWADING	N. DANDENONG	21	1	
W.A. Div.2	BASSENDEAN	NORTH PERTH	22	2	
	CANNING	COCKBURN	23	2	
	EAST PERTH	BALGA	24	1	
	KELMSCOTT	UNIVERSITY	25	1	
	MELVILLE	ATHENA	26	X	*
	OSBORNE PK.	KWINANA	27	1	
W.A. Div. 3	BEDFORD U.	BALCATTA	28	X	
	BUNBURY C.	BAYSWATER	29	X	*
	ROCKINGHAM	PERTH CITY	30	2	
	SWAN ATH.	SUBIACO	31	1	
	TUART HILL	QUEENS PK.	32	X	
	WANNEROO	SORRENTO	33	2	
S.A. State League	CAMPB'LTOWN	PT. ADELAIDE	34	1	
	CROATIA	NOARLUNGA U.	35	1	
	CUMBERLAND	BEOGRAD	36	X	*
	PARA HILLS	AZZURRI	37	2	
	POLONIA	ELIZABETH	38	1	
S.A. Div. 2	ADELAIDE C.	STURT	39	1	
	SALISBURY	BRIGHTON CTY.	40	X	*
	W. ADELAIDE	LION	41	1	
	WESTFIELDS	WINDSOR	42	1	
	W. TORRENS	MODBURY	43	1	
	WHYALLA	VICTORIA	44	X	*
S.A. Div. 3	STH. ADELAIDE	BLACKWOOD	45	2	
	S.A.I.O.T.	ADELAIDE A.	46	2	
	UNIVERSITY	NOARLUNGA C.	47	X	
Tas. St. League	BURNIE	GLENORCHY	48	2	
	GEORGETOWN	BRIGHTON	49	2	
	HOBART J.	DEVONPORT	50	X	*
	ULVERSTONE	STH. HOBART	51	2	
N.S.W.	MELITA	RIVERWOOD	52	1	
	BELMORE	WARRINGAH	53	2	
	YUGAL	RAVENS	54	1	
	DEE WHY	HORNSBY	55	2	

Australian Soccer Weekly selections for Saturday's games.

(1 is a home win, 2 an away win and X a drawn game. Matches marked with asterisks are our tips for score draws).

the Pools Results

SCORE DRAWS
3 pts 1, 2, 11, 20, 21, 24, 33, 38, 40, 41, 44, 46, 53.
SCORELESS DRAWS
2 pts 4, 13, 35, 51.

1 3	2 3	3 1½	4 2	5 1	6 1	7 1½	
8 1½	9 1	10 1	11 3	12 1	13 2	14 1	15 1½
16 1	17 1½	18 1½	19 1½	20 3	21 3	22 1½	23 1½
24 3	25 1½	26 1	27 1½	28 1½	29 1	30 1	31 1
32 1½	33 3	34 1½	35 2	36 1½	37 1	38 3	39 1
40 3	41 3	42 1	43 1	44 3	45 1½	46 3	47 1
48 1½	49 1½	50 1½	51 2	52 1½	53 3	54 1	55 1½

AUSTRALIAN CHIT-CHAT

JOE PALINKAS

Joe Palinkas, the Brisbane Gladiators winger, has now completed a hat-trick of disallowed goals for his club since he joined up at the start of the 1980 season.

In the first match of that year, against his old club Footscray, Palinkas smashed home a great drive from the edge of the box, which looked as if it had given City a last minute 2-1 win. But the goal was cancelled because another player was offside.

The same thing happened in the recent match at Spencer Park against Wollongong Wolves, when Palinkas beat Natch Vardareff all ends up with a blistering long range shot, but again another player was ruled off side. Like Dennis Boland before him, the offside player would have made little difference to Vardareff.

Then last Sunday week, against Adelaide Giants, Palinkas raced through the defence and chipped over Peter Marshall into the back of the net. Although there was no signal from the linesman, referee Don Campbell ruled Palinkas was offside.

There's no doubt Joe certainly deserves a change of luck.

Wollongong have done well in their entry to the PSL but coach Ken Morton is still tipping 1982 will be their big year.

It is no coincidence that two top PSL players from other clubs have dropped into Wollongong Leagues Club for a lemon squash recently.

The club is working hard to balance the books each week and if they can finish in a reasonable financial position they seem certain to be in the thick of the transfer market.

Naturally, Morton may have to sell one or two players from his current squad.

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Will prolific goalscorer Dez Marton stay with St George? After getting 18 goals in 11 games, the Yugoslavian striker is not the sort of player Saints want to release.

But Marton has signed for only one season. He has a wife and three children still living in Yugoslavia and, naturally, misses them.

St George, who are steadily losing their ambition to return to the Philips League (in its present format), won't make a decision about Marton until they know what direction Australian Soccer will take in 1982.

After plenty of prompting, Footscray Eagles have come up trumps with a match programme.

Not one to rival the programmes produced by Newcastle Raiders or the likes mind you, but a programme nevertheless. The Eagles produced Blues News until 1979 and after two years in the wilderness, have returned with the BLue Review which, without being the best on the market, still eclipses the shocker dished up by Heidelberg Warriors.

Nice, by the way, to see the big Eagles insignia displayed prominently on the cover. While we're experimenting with the logo's we may as well get behind them and see what, if any, benefits they bring.

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Hindmarsh Stadium should be in perfect condition for the World Cup match between Australia and Taiwan tomorrow night.

West Adelaide have had two away games in succession, and train on the ground only once a week under an agreement with the SA Soccer Federation.

Many spectators at Brisbane Lions' recent match against West Adelaide were impressed by the team spirit and general attitude of the Hawks considering their precarious position on the table.

Even when facing defeat, there were no signs of the player squabbles commonplace with a lot of other teams and the players kept encouraging one another until the end.

It's an attitude which makes a lot of people hope the Hawks can get themselves out of trouble before too long.

The only sour note was when new coach Peter Jaksa followed the lead of many of his predecessors and blasted referee Col Amos, who he said had cost the Hawks the match.

It's becoming a little tedious to hear this tirade from coaches who surely must realise their teams lost simply because they are not good enough on the day.

Referee Amos certainly made some mistakes but Jaksa conveniently forgot to mention the former's decision to refuse to grant Lions what should have been a definite penalty for handball in the first half.

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After an ASW Editorial in the issue dated May 19 that queried the fitness of players in the recent F.A. Cup Final, a Mr Peter Scotney from Redbank Plains in Queensland felt annoyed enough to write to our Readers Forum section.

In Mr Scotney's letter, printed last Tuesday, he said, amongst other things, that some of the Editorial comment was written "after an attack of indigestion" and was both "asinine" and "both insulting and bordering on the libellous".

Obviously Mr Scotney takes an interest in the UK scene and felt the need to put pen to paper to defend what he considers "the league that still leads the world".

If that is the case, then Mr Scotney may be interested in some comments made by Brisbane Lions' current guest player and former England striker, Everton's Bob Latchford.

After his first game for Lions, Latchford, talking to one of the opposition players, reportedly said that although the skills of our PSL are still about third or fourth division English standard, the fitness of our players was as good as anything in the English First Division.

Latchford was quite surprised by both the level of fitness and the pace of the game.

Why wasn't Australia's World Cup game with New Zealand played in Melbourne? On a mid-week Melbourne night in real "brass monkey" weather and with our World Cup hopes all but in tatters, the match at Olympic Park could still draw 10,000 spectators — only 5,000 less than the big one in Sydney three days previously.

Not only that but on television at least the vocal support, no doubt helped by the acoustics at the rather more compact Olympic Park, was louder, more consistent therefore probably more inspiring to the Australian players.

And being so close to the game the colourful band of Socceroo supporters under the terrace were certainly a little more noticable than they would have been in the wide open spaces and sterile atmosphere of the SCG.

Given a fine Melbourne day, if there is such a thing, and the amount at stake for the New Zealand game you can bet Melbourne's Olympic Park would have drawn at least 20,000 spectators, possibly even more.

Adelaide Giants fans didn't give Les Scheinflug much of a welcome when he attended the game against Brisbane Gladiators, to check out David Mitchell and Bobby Russell for the national squad.

They complained about not having any players in the original squads, and even when it was explained that Rudi Gutendorf had selected the other teams, they were not placated.

Scheinflug managed to keep an outward air of calm, and weathered the storm.

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After Wollongong Wolves recently went three games without scoring a goal, coach Ken Morton held a fancy dress party at his home.

His wife, Sandra, organised the party and insisted that everyone must come in fancy dress.

Someone suggested they would go as a Wollongong striker . . . wearing dark glasses and carrying a white stick.

Only joking . . .

Rudi Gnavi

Rudi Gnavi, brought to Australia by Rale Rasic to play for Pan Hellenic in 1975, has returned to his native Argentina.

Gnavi, always a classy player, did not hit it off with St George after leaving Pan Hellenic (now Sydney Olympic), and had a disappointing 1980 season when Saints were relegated.

But he will always be remembered as one of the best South Americans to play in this country.

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For Adelaide Giants fans, and others who saw them on TV with white shirts and sash — that was NOT their new strip.

It was their alternative one, worn for black and white TV fans as Hawks were in blue and white stripes.

However, as it so happens, Giants' new outfit does have a sash, a major change from their traditional black and white vertical stripes.

READERS' FORUM

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In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point.

Write to The Editor, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007.

I was appalled and disgusted by the idiotic behavior of Sydney Olympic supporters and officials after the game played between the Strikers and Olympians on the 31-5-81.

Crowd violence marred the end of an exciting game between these top two teams. It all started when a Leichhardt supporter ran on the field in jubilance after Leichhardt's third goal, and the Olympic officials approached him.

Instead of moving him off the field in an orderly manner, the dozen or so "officials", treated the man very roughly which was not necessary.

After the game, outbreaks of brawls and punch-ups continued for about 20 minutes by the Olympic supporters with the Leichhardt fans, for no apparent reason.

Leichhardt supporters and all Soccer-loving spectators are appalled by this stupid behaviour which must be stopped now.

Leichhardt Supporters
Sydney, NSW.

I am a reader of your sporting paper and I have not missed one issue. Let me congratulate you for the fine, excellent and hard work you have been doing for the good of Soccer.

I am writing this letter in disgust, due to the constant erroneous results given by our commercial TV stations.

Since the beginning of the 1981 Soccer season, I am forced to switch from channel to channel to guess if my team lost, drew or win, but all three commercial channels reported recently that in the NSW State League, St George went down 2-0 to Riverwood. Next morning I read in the papers that St George won 2-0

How can this happen?

Greg Athanassiou
Hurlstone Park, NSW.

As manager of the Northern NSW Federation's State League competition, I have urged club officials to give co-operation to your Newcastle representative, Mr Ian Smith.

I believe your publication to be superior to its counterparts. Soon, through the columns of the Federation's Programme, I propose to give regular "plugs" to ASW.

However, my Weston Newsagent has repeatedly ordered copies but is unable to secure supplies. Could you please rectify this?

Alan Lamb
Weston, NSW.

I would like to protest about Channel 2 using Tommy Docherty as a guest commentator in the studios for the FA Cup when over the last few years Johnny Warren, a favouriteAustralian Soccer son, was always used with magnificent success.

Again we show our reluctance to promote our very own talents wherever possible. We suffer from a nationalistic complex and always prefer someone from overseas. Sure, by all means use Docherty on the panel, but leave Warren there as well. Warren, in the previous years, did a most professional job and could hold his own amongst the most elite of Soccer personalities.

An Australian in Soccer that the nation could be very proud of.

But as soon as Docherty hits this country, our local product gets flung out. Shame Channel 2, shame. If Warren couldn't handle the task, sure; but he can and has in the past.

R. Hudson
Bexley, NSW.

Your reader F.Sant, in last week's ASW, abused Tony Boskovic for an incident in the St George - Melita Eagles game. I was at that match and feel I should say a word in Mr Boskovic's favour.

The referee DID award a goal. He then consulted a linesman who told him of an infringement. Then Boskovic, quite properly, changed his decision.

If Mr Boskovic had NOT changed the decision after realising it was wrong, then he would be guilty.

FIFA rules state clearly that a referee is entitled to change his mind if he realises he has made a wrong decision — so long as this is done before the game is re-started.

Boskovic was 100 per cent right, so why knock him?

J.Bradbury
Rockdale, NSW.

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HYPNO-THERAPY FOR JUSTIN FASHANU

Norwich City's Justin Fashanu has asked for a transfer and this could mean a new British record fee.

When some clubs nibbled for Fashanu last season, Norwich rated him in the $4,000,000 class. Then the big black centre-forward lost his goalscoring touch and also that sky-high rating.

It has now been revealed that Fashanu went to a hypnotist who tried to sort out a few problems for him.

Hypnosis

The hypnotist who treated him, David Canova, is reluctant to discuss his prize patient but he did say: "It's worth noting that the Russians and other people in iron curtain countries are now switching from drugs to hypnosis. It's becoming one of the prime motivating forces in sport. I have treated golfers, cricketers and footballers.

"Hypnosis cannot improve a sportsman's technique but it can improve his habits, helping him over an immediate problem."

JUSTIN FASHANU

Justin Fashanu has an interesting background. He is a black African from a broken home, briefly in a Dr Barnardo's Home, before being looked after by foster-parents in a Norfolk village.

Fashanu is expected soon in Australia to play as a guest for Adelaide City in the Philips League.

KEEGAN'S BLACK SOCCER SEASON

Kevin Keegan's days as a Soccer superstar may be over. He has just completed a terrible year, in which he has missed many matches for Southampton suffering from knee, hamstring and rib injuries.

On top of that, Keegan has not produced the goods for England. He was selected only once during last season — in the defeat at Wembley by Spain.

Keegan asked to be excused from the Home International Tournament and this was granted by manager Ron Greenwood . . . although some people resented the move.

It is sad to see such a great footballer suffering, playing often only because he used pain-killers.

But perhaps Keegan's biggest blow came in the voting for Europe's "player of the year." Although Keegan was a twice winner of the trophy, he did not receive a single vote this time, and this was regarded as a huge snub to such a distinguished performer.

GREENWOOD HITS BACK AT HIS CRITICS

Greenwood

English football's "Mr Nice Guy" — team manager Ron Greenwood — is finally losing patience with his many critics.

England's dreadful recent run of failure has, inevitably, brought calls for Greenwood to go.

After the 1-0 defeat by Scotland at Wembley, the usually cooperative England boss lashed out at the Press for suggesting his players had virtually selected the side.

He claimed he was misquoted on that story and accused journalists of "putting the knife in."

Prefabricated

Before storming out of a Press conference, Greenwood said: "The prefabricated message which went out about my speaking to the players was the biggest journalistic licence I have ever met.

"I have been in football for 25 years. I have always talked to players and always will do because they are the people involved.

"If anybody thinks he can create a situation by putting the knife in by misinterpreting my quotes, I will say no more."

Obviously Ron Greenwood is feeling the pressure of a most difficult job. He has always enjoyed a good relationship with the media but those days seem to be over.

Strangely enough, the England manager was considering retirement after his team failed in the European Championship last year but was persuaded to stay on until the 1982 World Cup by the English F.A. which expressed complete faith in his leadership.

On a happier note, it appears as if the future of England v Scotland International matches is now more secure.

There had been warnings that this traditional fixture would be scrapped unless crowd behaviour improves. Things were comparatively quiet at this year's England-Scotland game, causing F.A. secretary Ted Croker to comment: "It seems we have achieved harmony among ribal supporters."

He may have been premature in his peace pronouncement.

SAXTON LEAVES

Plymouth Argyle manager Bobby Saxton has walked out on the club — because Plymouth refused to release him to take over at Blackburn Rovers.

Saxton said: "The directors were not prepared to release me so my only move is to terminate my contract.

Plymouth offered him a new three-years contract which would have matched the Blackburn offer but Saxton refused to change his mind.

He is still under contract with Plymouth until next May

The new boss of Plymouth Argyle is expected to be Len Ashurst who has done well with Newport County.

THAT UNITED JOB! SAUNDERS NOT THE MAN

Yet another top club boss has decided he'd rather stay put than join glamour club, Manchester United.

Lawrie McMenemy and Bobby Robson did not fancy following in Dave Sexton's footsteps so United announced they would listen to any applications.

This inspired speculation that Ron Saunders, on top of the world after taking Aston Villa to the first division championship, would put in a phone call to Old Trafford.

It was just . . . speculation. Saunders says he will NOT apply for the Manchester United job.

He is in no hurry to get away from Villa. Saunders still has three years to go on his Villa contract so he can afford to sit back and watch developments.

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West Ham want to sign Mickey Thomas, Manchester United's Welsh international midfielder.

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PLENTY OF BIDS FOR GORDON

Gordon Lee may have been fired as manager of Everton but he should soon be fixed up with another top job.

Plenty of clubs would like to employ Lee. Five are believed to have made offers, including Sunderland and Chelsea.

The former Goodison Park boss, however, is in no hurry to say "yes."

He wants to sort out his Everton compensation before making any move.

Lee

Another of the booted out club bosses, John Neal, ex-Middlesbrough, has had four offers, including the Wrexham and Gillingham jobs.

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Southampton midfielder Steve Williams, who played for England "B" against Australia, is on Arsenal's shopping list. A big offer is expected from the Gunners soon.

ENGLAND TOO GOOD FOR HUNGARY

England are back on the World Cup trail and looking a pretty safe bet to qualify for the Finals in Spain next year.

Last weekend, England had a surprise 3-1 victory over Hungary in Budapest, a result which gives manager Ron Greenwood and his men seven points from six games. So European Group Four is now topped by England. Romania have six points (from five matches) and Hungary five points from four matches.

England's World Cup fortunes have changed dramatically in the past fortnight. After suffering a 2-1 defeat by Switzerland, few critics gave the Englishmen such hope of a win in Budapest seven days later.

But the Hungarians were a bitter disappointment to their fans, playing without much purpose and never suggesting they were capable of winning such an important game.

Indeed the only goal they did score was put down to a Ray Clemence goalkeeping error.

England went in front after 20 minutes, though it was not a spectacular goal with a half-hit shot creeping just inside the Hungarian goalpost. Scorer was Trevor Brooking.

Hungary were level before half-time through Garabar after Clemence could not hold a long pass.

In the second half, Brooking put the visitors in front with a super goal. Receiving a pass from Kevin Keegan, Brooking unleashed a rocket shot into the net when the Hungarian defence backed off expecting Brroking to pass the ball.

England's third goal, the clincher, came from a Keegan penalty kick 17 minutes from full-time. It may have been a harsh decision by Italian referee Casarin although Keegan certainly was upended when Garabar attempted to tackle him in the box.

Hungary must still play away games in Romania and England and it now looks as if this will be too much for the not-so-magical Magyars to cope with.

Romania and England are the popular tip to qualify for Spain.